

Wenas

J.W. Brice, our postmaster has gone to the Columbia accompanied by his wife to look after the work on his farm over there.

The prospects are that the postoffice will be moved 4 1-2 miles from its present location, a petition signed by Brice and over 100 other settlers advocating this move and the appointment of Mrs. Emily Chambers as postmistress having been forwarded to Washington.

Wenas is favored by a school under the charge of Miss Martha Wiley. The average attendance is 30.

Rev. Haun preaches to the people of the Wenas every other Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, next Sunday being his day for holding services. We also have a fine Sunday school with I.N. Pollard superintendent and J. Cowan secretary--Yakima Herald, May 25, 1893.

Many white covered wagons are seen in this vicinity which goes to show that immigration is well on, and that the dissatisfied are looking for new and more favored locations.

Rev. Hawn failed to fill his appointment last Sunday. The Sunday school children are preparing for children's day when they will meet with the lower Sunday school and carry out the program of exercises.

The weather is cold and blustery and the water in the river has fallen several feet. The stockmen have been gathering in the cattle from the hills preparatory to driving them to the pine timber and later on to the summer range in the mountains.

The road supervisor has been doing good work on the roads of late, but if some of the big rocks were rolled off of the grade on this side of the Natchez bridge it would prove of great service to the traveling community.

Mr. Mitchell is congratulating himself over the advent of a baby and the same blessing has fallen to the lot of A.L. Sherman.

Last week Clemens & Cowen sold 114 sheep to the Yakima butchers and have about 1,200 fine mutton sheep still to dispose of.

It is rumored that Burt & Clark are about to begin work on the Wenas ditch, starting near the ranch of A. I. Sherman and carrying it along the face of the hills to Iowa flat. Their plans contemplate a reservoir at the head of the ditch which will be made by damming the creek--Yakima Herald, June 1, 1893.

Councilman Jason Carpenter and Governor Lowe returned last week from Milk lake where they put in 10 days enjoying the choicest of fishing. Milk lake is above the headwaters of the Wenas and is alive with trout--Yakima Herald, August 3, 1893.

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The settlers of the Wenas are arranging to hold a combined Fourth of July celebration and alliance meeting at the grove near the Wenas church. A basket picnic will be one of the features and everybody is invited--Yakima Herald, June 30, 1892.

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David Longmire of the Wenas was a Herald visitor on Monday for the purpose of renewing his subscription.

He says that the crop acreage of the Wenas has been increased about 20 per cent this season and the farmers are hopeful that better prices will prevail.

Mr. Longmire now has a hop yard of 40 acres , most of which was set during the past spring and fall and intends to stick to this industry through thick and thin, believing the average returns will be profitable--Yakima Herald April 25, 1895.

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Yakima Industry

William O'Neal of the Wenas saw mill was in the city yesterday and states that he will get out a half -million feet of lumber this winter for the manufacture of fruit boxes and that he will establish a warehouse in this city.

Mr. O'Neal's mill is thoroughly equipped for the making of fruit boxes and his local patrons say that he turns out a better box than can be obtained at the Sound--Yakima Herald, Dec. 3, 1896

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The name Wenas signifies "Narrow Waters" . the valley is twenty five miles long and embraces some of the best land in Central Washington. Of late years (for the valley was settled thirty-three years ago) grain raising has gradually given place to the growing of alfalfa which is readily purchased by cattle and sheep men. It is preferred to wild hay or timothy, especially by those who are feeding for the butcher.

Alfalfa yields here from three to five tons to the acre. Fruit raising claims the attention of many. Those who have chosen favorable localities and have cared for their trees when young have found it very profitable. All fruit common to the county does well in this valley and has never suffered to any serious extent from frost. Every year some new orchards are planted. Hops have not been a success here; of the many yards that have been planted only one was picked the past season.

There is still a great deal of land capable of improvement and all those tracts now covered with sage brush may be reclaimed by irrigation. No litigation over water has ever occurred, and new methods

are being ~~resorted~~ resorted to in the shape of windmills and reservoirs. The Wenas is a very healthy place and thrift and contentment generally pervade the valley. Mrs. Mc'Gee--Yakima Herald, Feb. 17, 1898.

The Wenas boys organized a baseball nine Sunday. The line-up is as follows:

Carol Iverson, catcher; Charles Barrett, pitcher; Willie Taylor, first base; Arthur Smith, second base; Ernest Taylor, third base; Walter Purdin, short stop; Charles Taylor, right field; Wilbur Kelly, center field; Melvin Taylor, center field; Walter Purdin was chosen captain and Charles Barrett coach or instructor.

Wenas nine expects to play Naches Natchez nine June 1 if arrangements can be made with them--Yakima Herald, May 27, 1902.

Mr. Brady has purchased 28 head of cows, 16 from W.J. Purdin and 12 from J.W.G. Snodgrass, the price being about \$60 per cow. He also purchased 28 head of hogs, most of them from W.J. Purdin--Yakima Herald, May 27, 1902.

The people of Selah valley are rejoicing over the fact that there is in process of completion at Wenas station a new depot and it is presumed that hereafter passenger trains will stop at that point.

Wenas is an important shipping point and the Northern Pacific company has frequently been petitioned by the people of the Selah to give them passenger train service as well as freight accommodations. It is probable that they will at first get one passenger train a day each way but even that will be a great accommodation--Yakima Herald, August 5, 1902.

Sentiment favoring organization of the Wenas irrigation district ~~capable~~ crystalized into a vote of 35 to 5 in an election held among riparian land owners within the proposed boundaries yesterday.

County commissioners will canvass the election and when their official okeh has been placed on it the development of the project will begin.

About 2,000 acres of riparian land on the Wenas creek is included in the district for the irrigation of which a storage dam will be completed. It is proposed to purchase the old dam from the Puyallup State bank. The dam is valued at about \$16,000. with improvements estimated to cost about \$40,000 more. The dam was originally built to store water for non riparian lands but an injunction prevented the plans.

The movement has been agitated by the entire community for some time but this step is regarded as a forward one which may mean much to the future development of a fertile valley.

Directors elected yesterday are David Longmire, J.B. Fink and R.C. Babbitt--The Yakima Republic, January 10, 1925.

Wenas valley riparian owners secured an option this morning for the purchase of the Wenas dam and reservoir from the Puyallup Securities company, the present owners. The agreed price is \$13,500 . This is considerable lower than the land owners expected to have to pay as the original price asked was \$20,000.

Several weeks ago the land owners met and went on record as approving the purchase of the dam and reservoir. At the meeting a committee, consisting of C.M. Longmire, Charles Cowan and David Longmire was appointed to negotiate for the purchase. Several conferences with the owners were held before an agreement was reached. The property consists of 300 acres of Wenas valley land held to be as rich as any in the valley, and the dam site. Over \$80,000 was expended by the original owner to construct the dam alone.

The Wenas ranchers have for several years suffered because of an inadequate water supply and have been for the most part unable to get enough water to place all of their lands under irrigation. The storage water to be obtained through the repair of the dam will provide an adequate amount--The Yakima Republic, June 25, 1924.

A bond issue not to exceed \$40,000 will be required to purchase the Wenas dam and to make necessary improvements for putting under water 3,500 acres below the dam, Ralph Williamson, attorney for the district stated this morning. It will cost some \$20,000 to raise the dam 1- feet which will enable the storing of 1,200 acre feet of water he says. An option to purchase the dam at \$13,500 from the Puyallup Securities company has been secured. --Yakima Republic, June 26, 1924.

Articles of incorporation of the Wenas Electric Power company are ready for filing as the result of the meeting of the Wenas land holders to discuss the feasibility of carrying an electric power line into the Wenas to supply power for pumping water for irrigation from the artesian wells of that valley.

The company is incorporated at a capital of \$15,000, the men signing the petition being F.V. Sanders, L.J. Anderson, P.C. Weinman, Murray B. Miles and E.G. Townsan. These men will be trustees.

The cost of the line will be \$470 per mile. The distance from the power house to the point of distribution is somewhat farther than 10 miles. Fifteen or 18 men are interested in the project, some residing in North Yakima and some in the Wenas. E.G. Townsan acts as temporary secretary. Yakima Republic, January 14, 1910.

Enumerator Ed Goh Shannafelt completed his work today.

He says he will back the Wenas section against the world for babies.

He fails to recall a single family in that country that did not proudly exhibit one or more robust infants--Yakima Herald, July 3, 1890.