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On Monday Judge Davidson appointed D.D. Calkins of Prosser receiver of the Prosser Falls Irrigation Co. The application for the appointment of a receiver was made by Attorney W.B. Noble who represents the Italian and German bond holders. The company has a floating indebtedness of about \$50,000 and a bonded indebtedness of about \$100,000, all of the latter being held abroad.

The cost of the plant, canal and lands owned by the company was about equal to the present indebtedness. Thirty thousand dollars has been spent since construction was finished in maintenance. The present unfortunate condition of the company is due to the panic and subsequent depressed conditions which overtook the company immediately following the completion of the work making it impossible to carry out the plans for colonization contemplated, and curtailing the receipts on land sales and water rentals--Yakima Herald, Feb. 11, 1897.

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E.W.R. Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Prosser, vice E.A. Spann resigned.

The appointment is well merited and gives general satisfaction--Yakima Herald, March 28, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen of Prosser arrived in Yakima on Tuesday for a visit of a week with friends. Mr. Allen is a well known contractor. He built much of the Sunnyside canal, the Prosser canal and the Middle Kittitas ditch. On the latter he lost some \$5,000 or more on account of the failure to float bonds--Yakima Herald, April 4, 1895.

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Prosser has organized a Horticultural & Shipping association and will hold regular meetings the second Monday of each month.

The meeting for the election of officers will be held on February 11th. The membership rolls already contain 15 names.-Y

The Prosser "alls Irrigation com any ha under consideration the extension of the ditch so as to cover additional land. A number of sales have been made lately, including tracts to J.A. Cruttenden, a recent arrival from Amboy, Ill., and Joseph Allen, the contractor-- Yakima Herald, January 31, 1895.

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In 1883 Henry W. Creason settled at Prosser and with scanty means, but willing hands, went vigorously to work to build a home and provide support for his family.

This spring the flames swept away his house, together with all of his furniture and clothing but undaunted he bravely keeps on fighting the battle of life.

This is the man the democrats have nominated for county clerk. They have not thus honored him because of his misfortunes but on account of his good character, ability and past service.

Mr. Creason has officiated as county commissioner for three years, one year by appointment and two by election; and in 1892 he headed his party ticket for the same office, being defeated by only a few votes.

..Counting of ballots on the 6th of November will show that he has been elected to fill the office of county clerk--Yakima Herald, Oct. 11, 1894.

A colonization deal is well under way whereby forty two families from Illinois will be located on the lands under the Prosser Falls Irrigation company's ditch--Yakima American, Nov. 1894.

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Prosser is to incorporate. The inhabitants will vote on St Valentine's day, the 14th of February and in all probability the village will become a city on that date--Yakima Herald, Feb 2, 1899.

Van H. Calkins--I am here from Tacoma to assist in closing up the townsite and hotel property of the Prosser Falls Irrigation company. It will be sold some time next month, but as Mr. Hasselman of Hamburg, Germany, has a mortgage of \$55,000, he will doubtless be the only bidder.

Mr. Ankeny bought in the pumping plant and 803 acres of land from the canal company last Saturday for \$8,000 but it has nothing to do with the townsite, hotel and two or three other buildings which Hasselman will take under his mortgage.

Vestal Snyder--I went to Prosser to help the new city government get on its feet and drafted twenty ordinances to that end.

The appointments by the council will not be made until the 24th of this month. A new paper, republican in politics, will be issued there this week--Yakima Herald, March 23, 1899.

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Prosser will have a bank at an early date. It will be called the Prosser State bank and will have a capitalization of \$50,000.

The promoters are J.D. Bassett and J.E. Prouty of Ritzville who have purchased a lot in Prosser and will soon commence the erection of a bank building to be completed in April--Yakima Herald, Jan. 28, 1902.

A comparison of the amount of shipping done from this point during '98 with that of '97 shows a vast increase as follows:

	'97	'98
Cars of wheat	2	29
Cars offlour	4	12
Cars of wool	15	24
Cars of hay	3	20
Cars of melons	70	12
Cars of cattle	40	22
Cars of sheep	4	4
	75	123

The Hotel Lape opened Thursday, December 29. Some delay was experienced on account of material not being on hand to finish with.

The building is 54 X 70 feet and contains 22 sleeping rooms, besides sample room for commercial travelers and bath room.

The bath room is heated with hot air, as is also the entire house. The dining room is 26 x30 and will seat at table 100 persons. The hotel is furnished with antique oak and enameled iron bedsteads. There is also a bridal chamber, a much needed thing for a growing town.

L.D. Lape occupies the north side downstairs with his harness and shoe shop, with five living rooms in the north east corner. The entire building will be supplied with hot and cold water. The water will be pumped by a wind engine to a tank at the rear of the hotel. In the basement which is 50 X 50 feet will be the furnace.

The rates will be \$1 and \$2 per day. Mrs. Kate Brown is proprietress Will Burrill night clerk and W.H. Stohan, who formerly connected the City Restaurant in North Yakima presides over the Culinary department--Yakima Herald, Jan 5, 1899.

An election was held in the town of Prosser on Tuesday, to vote upon the question of incorporation and to choose amayor, treasurer and five councilmen to serve for the coming year in the event of incorporation carrying.

Sixtyfour votes were cast, forty being in favor of the taking up of municipal responsibilities. E.W. R. Taylor and Nelson Rich were the candiate for the office of mayor and C.A. Jenson and L. Dyrsey for that of treasurer. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Jenson were elected after a warm fight in wh ch some feeling was eviñced. The councilmen selected were J.W. Whiting, C.H. Denley, Jos. Ponti, Fred Berndt and G.W. Anderson. -The Yakima Republic, February 17, 1899.

An important transfer of property occured at public sale in this city on Saturday lat when the p mping plant, over 800 acres of land under irrigation and all ther ights and franchises of the Prosser falls irrigation company were sold for \$8,000. This property cost many times the amount realized at the sale, the company being organized and the improvements made in 1893. mainly through the efforts and under the management of Dr. Van Marter and Fred R. Reed.

the new owner is Levi Ankeny of Walla Walla, who was represneted at the sale by Attorney Edward Whitson. Mr. Ankeny proposes to make many improvements in the property and put it on a substantial interest paying basis. An effort will bemade at once to bring in new settlers and in any event all the land purchased by Mr. Ankeny will be brought under cultivation this season.

Another public sale of Prosser property will be made in the near future when the Riverside hotel, five housees and many lots belonging to the Prosser Land company will be disposed of under execution. The final ex00000d settlement of these interests which have long been

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Kiona

From Prosser recently came the report that one of that city's five physicians has removed to other fields and another was preparing to depart. Now comes the explanation.

According to William Guernsey, the only undertaker in that city or within a radius of 10 miles and also including the Kiona district, there were but 22 deaths reported during the past year, including those from accident and all causes.

Several of whom were of patients were brought from outside points to the sanitarium of that city. In Prosser alone there were but nine deaths, five of which were of infants.

Either this is a mighty good record for the district or a very poor one for the doctors. Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910

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The time has gone by when a few speculators can plat a piece of land into town lots, advertise its grand and glorious commercial future, sell their lots and stand firm under.

The death knell of this class of speculating has been sounded and it's well for all that such is the case.

There is, however, just as good an opportunity to make money out of real estate as there ever was only it takes hard cash to do it.

In placing before the public Prosser Falls and its splendid country tributary, the writer desires to place himself on record by saying that there are legitimate reasons for its creation; that it is a natural distributing point for a splendid agricultural and horticultural country of such magnitude that the soundness and solidity of the proposition cannot for a moment be doubted.

Prosser Falls (now called Prosser) is one the main line of the Northern Pacific railroad in Yakima county, half way between North Yakima and Pasco. It is fifty miles to the nearest city (North Yakima)

The same conditions that have made North Yakima the pride of Washington and the best little city in the state will be repeated here; surrounded by thousands of acres of irrigated lands, a country that has a national reputation for producing hops, fruits, hay and vegetables; where crops never fail and irrigation is king.

No reason can exist for failure as the magnificent country about Yakima has settled that question forever--that crops do grow, are harvested and successfully marketed with a rapidly increasing demand for Yakima products.

I will not say that in five years Prosser Falls will be as large as North Yakima is today, that the North Yakima will be

fifteen thousand strong.

The handwriting is on the wall and nothing can stop the progressive march of this--the banner county of the state.

The two companies who own Prosser Falls are composed of broad guated, progressive men of wide and varied experience.

The companies will not boom the town but will build the town by developing the country adjoining.

One hundred thousand dollars cash is being carefully and judiciously expended. The improvement consists of building an irrigating ditch 11 miles long, reclaiming three thousand acres of choice land and thereby creating immediate support of the town.

When you realize that this amount of land is to be cut up into ten and twenty acre farms, you can see it means many families.

They have placed in the town a pumping plant using the water power furnished by the Yakima river. This plant pumps water into the irrigating canal delivering about fifteen million gallons daily, besides furnishing the city water and power for an electric light plant.

The combined machinery and equipment, when fully completed, will cost one hundred and forty thousand dollars.

At present, fifty-six thousand dollars will be expended--I mean by that, before April 1, 1894. The Prosser Falls Irrigating company have sold one hundred thousand dollars of six per cent bonds and got their cash. That money is being used as aforesaid in actually developing the country and town.

Several very creditable buildings have been built by the company, including a hotel built on the southern plan, wide porches and plenty of grounds located on the banks of the Yakima

river, in fact a hotel for comfort, good treatment and moderate charge.

All this work is done quietly without any splurge on cold business principals No one has been solicited to buy a lot or a foot of ground up to the present time.

Commencing on January 1, 1894, the public is invited to come to Prosser Falls and investigate and become familiar with a location that is sure winner, a good place to live and to make money.

Finally, Prosser Falls is all that it is represented to be. It is one of the proudest days of my life to be able to be partially instrumental in creating a proposition that will afford such splendid results to so many people--Fred R. Reed in the Prosser American, January 4, 1894.

During 1894 there have been shipped from this point 82 carloads of sheep for butchering purposes, 16 carloads of wool, 15 carloads of cattle, 4 of calves and 3 of horses.

Of wheat it is estimated that Horse Heaven turned out at least 200 carloads although portions of this was shipped from Bender and Kiona. Of miscellaneous products perhaps 10 carloads more have been shipped. This is a good showing for this section and 1895 will see these figures largely increased as our lands will be under cultivation and we will have hay and produce for outside markets--Prosser American, January 17, 1895.

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Friday of last week was a gala day for Prosser.

For the first time in its history it had a legal trial in which live lawyers were employed. The circumstances as developed were about as follows:

Levi Vacher herds sheep for Mr. Weston and like a good many sheep men does not seem to have a proper regard for property rights and in the course of his wanderings throughout the Sunnyside country, he directed his flock onto the lands of Mr. Cochran.

With filial regard for the interests of his sire, Jim Cochran ordered Vacher to move on and undertook to enforce his demand by hitting the herder over the head with a revolver.

This resulted in his arrest and trial before Justice of the Peace Burrell on the charge of assault.

At the end of the day everybody was so mixed up that neither head nor tail could be made of the case and it was decided to call in those legal lights, J.G. Boyle of North Yakima for the prosecution and D.H. Carey of Ellensburg for the defense.

Upon their arrival the complaint was changed from simple assault to assault with a deadly weapon and over this the legal battle was fought.

Poetry was mixed with Blackstone. It actually dazzled the townspeople and the horny-handed Sunnysiders who had never witnessed anything so meteoric in brilliancy. Boyle gained his point and the assaulting party was bound over in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the next regular term of the superior court.

The winning side was hilarious and organized a serenading party and took in the town and it is said that for two solid hours they sang "Annie Rooney" in front of the residence of Carl Jensen, who had gone to the country with his family, without getting an encore--Yakima Herald, Thursday, March 10, 1892.

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A visit to the Prosser school is one of the pleasantest Superintendent Lawrence has made this fall.

The school house is a conveniently arranged two room frame building that was completed in September last and it reflects credit on the people who built it.

At present school is maintained in the lower room where some thirty industrious and wide -awake boys and girls are being taught by J.R. Schwartz who is proving to be the right man in ~~the~~ the right place and is giving general satisfaction.

The school room is well furnished and everyone in the district seems to be taking an interest in the institution and the progress of the scholars.

The board of directors is working in harmony; each holds the interests of the district as his own, and the result is one of the best schools in the county--Yakima Herald, November 5, 1891.

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The people of Prosser are canvassing the question of incorporating and changing the name of the town. Yakima Falls and Falls City are the names which have the greatest number of advocates--Yakima Herald, June 3, 1891.

Valley Cities

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Fifty miles east of North Yakima, along the line of the Northern Pacific and on the Yakima river, at Prosser falls, is the town of Prosser.

It was located some eight or ten years ago by Col. Wm. F. Prosser of this city, but its growth has never been very rapid, having at this time a population of not to exceed a hundred souls.

Brighter prospects are in the air for this hamlet, however and capitalists who have in the past few months obtained large holdings in the adjoining townsite propose to make things hum this coming season. M.V.B. Stacy, Mr. Alexander of Tacoma and Eugene Canfield are interested in the booming scheme and it is said that Robert Harris, late president of the Northern Pacific, will have a hand in the pie. Electric lights and water works are to be established with power taken from the falls, and other improvements and enterprise inaugurated. The big ditch to be built by the Yakima Irrigation and Land company will open up much tributary farming land, which will be a stimulus to the building of the town and every inducement is to be thrown out to manufacturers to locate there--Yakima Herald, January 2, 1890.

Presser

The committee of citizens of Presser of which Dr. D.M. Angus is chairman met Saturday to arrange for the celebration over the creation of Benton county with Presser as the county seat., Saturday March 25, afternoon and evening was decided on as the date of the celebration.

It will take the form of a barbecue with speeches by prominent persons followed in the evening by fireworks, a general illumination and a ball.

Gov. Mead has accepted an invitation to be present and will be the guest of honor B.S. Grosscup of Tacoma will also be present as well as a number of other prominent citizens from North Yakima, Mabton, Sunnyside and neighboring towns. Invitations will only be issued to non-residents of Benton county, all the citizens of which will be publicly invited and the day will be a gala one in the history of Presser and the new county. -The fight for the creation of Benton county has been before three legislatures--The Yakima Herald, March 15, 1905.

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One of our citizens was aroused one night last week by a loud rapping at the front door and on answering the summons he was met by an Indian with the very modest request for the loan of some tobacco but offered to compromise on a drink of water. The Indian received a cordial invitation to depart for a place where he may have plenty of use for the water but none for tobacco.

Mr. George Delaney arrived from Walla Walla last week and is having land turned here as fast as the four gang and a walking plows can do the work. Delaney brings to his farming operations in the Horse Heaven an experience gained in many years of successful farming in Walla Walla and Elsewhere and which will no doubt make itself felt and he also brings the capital necessary to back the experience. He has had a well bored on his farm at Walla Walla and got 60 feet of water in 175 feet, but through some accident lost his drill. Prosser correspondent in Yakima Herald, April 25, 1889.

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Prosser, July 8

~~The~~ In the interests of securing a court house building for Benton county the officials of the Prosser community club have signed and presented to the county commissioners a petition asking that legal steps be taken to present this matter to the taxpayers.

At a recent conference 40 members of the club voted in favor of the proposal. A site was acquired several years ago which may be used.

Sentiment among the leading communities of the county is favorable to construction of a courthouse building, a survey by club members has revealed. A five mill levy on a property valuation of \$28,000,000 would produce \$70,000 which is the amount suggested for a county building. Benton has never had such a headquarters and at present the various offices and records are scattered about in rented buildings -The Yakima Republic, July 8, 1925.