

## Settlers Moving to Asotin

Persons have taken up locations on the west side of Snake River near the site of the old Assotin saw mill and propose making a permanent residence there. It is a rich district of country.

--Walla Walla Union, March 3, 1877

...the editor of the Lewiston Teller...

"We were through the country in the vicinity of the old Assotin mill last week and found that some 12 or 15 claims had been located there, and saw seven other men riding over the country to make choice of locations. It is a fine district for farming purposes; soil is rich, timber and water near at hand."...6 or 7 miles above Lewiston...

--Union, June 2, 1877

## Asotin

Asotin is decided to be the county seat of Asotin county. The county gave Armstrong 266 votes and Voorhees 226--The Washington Examiner, Nov. 22, 1884.

## Wenatchee

There are several white families on the Wenatchee now, school established and a high order of intelligence and industry prevailing and cultivated.

It is expected the present population of forty voters on the Wenatchee will be increased to a hundred or more this coming Spring and Summer and that many more vineyards and fruit orchards will be planted.

The several families on the Wenatchee settlements are in the very best of health and spirits having enjoyed a happy and social winter season and now prouder than ever of their delightful climate and prolific soil. The vineyards will double their last summer yield and grapes and peaches be in abundance to supply the Kittitas market early.

A sawmill and gristmill combined would do a very profitable business on the Wenatchee, would receive the entire custom of the Coulee, Wenatchee and Okanogan town countries. The timber supply is convenient and of the best quality and corn and wheat can be grown in quantity to suit any demand of the market. The Wenatchee offers the best paying site for such a combined mill and it is hoped that some good man who understands the business thoroughly will establish such a mill there in 1885 or 1886..  
The Washington Farmer, March 14, 1885.



## Northwest

At Waterville, Douglas county, the county commissioners advertised for bids for building a court house. The contract was awarded to A.T. Green, he being the lowest bidder, having offered to furnish a block of land and erect a \$4,000 building for the consideration of one dollar. Mr. Green is not so green or philanthropic as this statement would indicate on its face. He has an addition on the market and he takes this means of booming it. This suggests a new proverb which the Herald would like to submit for thoughtful consideration, i.e. all's not green that has a verdant name--Herald, North Yakima, W.T., March 14, 1889.

## Valley Cities

Another Embroy Town--The Oneida Ditch company expect to have eight miles of their ditch completed this year and a large force will be throwing dirt in about a week. The water will be taken from the Yakima at a point two miles above Kiona. The company will lay out a townsite at Cottonwood where they expect to establish canneries and manufacturias. Cottonwood is on the bank of the Colmubia a few miles or 10 North of Kennewick and derives its name from a clump of cottonwood trees growing there--Yakima Herald , October 24, 1889.

## Valley Cities

### Galena

There is to be a new town started in the Cle-Elum mining district with the wealthy name of Galena. It will be located about twenty miles from Roslyn on the east branch of the Cle-Elum river. It is now being surveyed and will be opened for settlement as a government townsite about the 1st of May--Yakima Herald, April 3, 1890.

## Cities

The Okanogan Mining and Railway company have purchased a townsite one mile southeast of Ruby , at the base of Ruby hill. The site is being surveyed and platted and negotiations are on foot for several business enterprises to be established there.

The moving cause for the new town is that it is situated within easy reach of the Fourth of July, Arlington, First Thought and other extensive mines on Ruby hill and is immediately on the stage road, thus avoiding the long and tortuous route heretofore used around the further side of the hill.

A wagon road is being graded and a tunnel run through the hill from the new town which is called Okanogan--Yakima Herald, July 17, 1890.



## Townsites

James Grieve and E.P. Gassman have relocated Boulder City, at the confluence of Big Boulder Creek and Cle Elum river, retaining the original town name.

Trouble will probably result from this move if an attempt is made to enforce the claim, since this land was filed on for townsite purposes by persons connected with the Pacific Investment company a couple of years ago.

A more desirable spot for a city can not be found in the whole upper country--Cle-Elum Tribune, May, 1891.



## Cities

A new townsite has been located on the Columbia river in Douglas county near the Navaree ferry crossing.

It has been named Fruitvale and is a government townsite and anybody can have a lot by complying with the legal requirements of residence and improvements--Yakima Herald, May 19, 1892.

## Historical

### Tacoma

The first hotel built in Tacoma was torn down Monday. It was a two-story frame and stood on Second street in Old Tacoma.

The old hotel was built in 1868 by Caroboo Steele. It was 26 feet wide and 40 feet long. All the lumber was brought from Port Townsend. The workmen who built the Tacoma mill in 1868 and 1869 put up at this hotel.

It was the bon-ton resort of the city at that time. For the first ten years it was covered with cedar shakes. Then these were gorn down and shiggles substituted. These are as solid now apparently as when first nailed on.

The building had become so decayed that it had to be torn down-  
Yakima Herald, May 17, 1894.

There are two brothers, Richard and John Curry living here, who are well known merchant tailors. They are the children of a very remarkable family.

The father of the Curry boys, Thomas Curry, was a pioneer of Yakima. In the fall of 1878 he filed on 160 acres of government land as a timber culture on the present site of the power house near this city.

A few years afterwards Mr. Curry died of the effects of a stroke of paralysis. Meanwhile various claimants to the land appeared but in the fall of 1895 the three Curry brothers, John, Richard and Thomas surviving heirs of Thomas Curry, deceased, came at last to their valuable heritage.

Thomas Curry, senior, was one of a family of twenty-nine children and he was called the runt of the family, although a man of powerful build, weighing 190 pounds. A sister, the wife of ex health officer Kinney of Seattle weighed at last accounts 333 pounds. There were born to the marriage of Thomas Curry and his wife six pairs of twins, all of the children being boys but one. The mother and all of the children, except the three boys above mentioned, died at Nevada City, Nevada of a contagious disease and shortly afterward the father with the three remaining boys migrated to Yakima.

Thos. Curry is now in Montana having left Worth Yakima a few weeks ago--Yakima Herald, April 13 1899.



W.H. Reed of Tacoma spent Sunday in this city with his brother, E.M. Reed.

He was returning home from a two months trip through eastern Yakima, Walla Walla, Spokane and Asotin counties where he has large property interests.

While in Lewiston, Idaho, he sold for spot cash Asotin property to the amount of \$14,500. He states that Mr. Libby, who started the Ranch and Range is making a success of his irrigation scheme at Vineland is readily selling his lands for \$250 an acre. Vineland is on the Washington side of the Snake river opposite Lewiston and an iron bridge opposite Lewiston and an iron bridge is being built across the river which will cost upwards of \$100,000. The company in which Mr. Libby is interested is doing the building and the tolls are expected to more than pay the interest on the outlay. Vineland has already a population of 1,300.--The Yakima Republic, May 7, 1899.

By a vote of 121 to 17 last Wednesday Cle Elum was incorporated.

The first officers are: Mayor Thomas L. Gamble; councilmen, Mike Miller, Robert Thomas, Elijah Kermeen, D.B. Burcham and M.P. Kay; treasurer, A.E. Emerson.

The new town is growing rapidly. It has a population of about 800. New coal mines are being opened, business houses are being built and a general air of prosperity prevails-- The Yakima Herald, Feb. 18, 1902.

Editor Randall of the Cascade Miner was in North Yakima today. He was here to make a deal with Walter Reed for a lot in Cle Elum on which he will build an office for his newspaper plant at that place-- The Yakima Herald, March 18, 1902.

John Reed, a brother of Walter J. Reed came up from Yakima last Sunday for the purpose of placing on the market all unsold lots in the original town site of Cle Elum owned by Walter J. Reed.

Before the closing of the first day's sale, one block and four lots had been sold. Mr. J. Reed intends making Cle Elum his permanent headquarters-- Cle Elum Echo, April, 1902.

## Cle Elum

The census of Cle Elum, taken under the state law in order to show that the town had the requisite number to be advanced into a city of the third class has developed over 1,500 inhabitants in that place.

It therefore takes rank with the cities of the state. Cle Elum has certainly shown a remarkable development in the last few years and indications are that it is only in the infancy of its increase and improvement. The Yakima Herald, Jan. 7, 1904.



Cle Elum is certainly overdoing the saloon business. One saloon to every 100 140 population counting men, women and children ought to be sufficient to slake the thirst of the greatest abnormal thirst ever. Still it is rumored that another license has been applied for. It would seem that there ought to be a limit somewhere--Cle Elum Echo, August, 1904.

Byron

Mr. C.W. Nessley of Prosser and Mr. A.A. Gust of LeGrande, Ore. were in the city on business connected with the new town of Byron.

Both gentlemen are very enthusiastic over the new townsite. They left for Seattle to confer with the other owners in the company-The Yakima Herald, May 13, 1907.

## Ephrata

Ephrata, Sept. 15, 1908- Petitions in the hands of five of the energetic townsmen were started in circulation among the voters with the purpose of incorporating Ephrata.

The precinct has now passed the 300 mark required for incorporation and with 73 accredited voters the proposition will probably succeed. One of the five petitions has enrolled the names of 22 voters in a few hours and it is thought the total of 60 required by law will be obtained soon.



## Richland

A.M. Hover, secretary of the Richland Land Co. is in the city for a few days making arrangements for the opening of a branch office of the company at No. 16 South Second street in the store formerly occupied by the branch of the Baker Jewelry Co.

Henry Perrin will be in charge of the local office and an extensive advertising campaign will be carried on in the local field.

Mr. Hover is no stranger to North Yakima people having been in charge of a branch of the D.S. Johnson Music co. in this city.

Richland, according to Mr. Hover, is the coming town of the Columbia river district and is enjoying a substantial and rapid growth. A gravity water system is under course of construction which will give Richland the best water supply of any town in the Columbia river valley being almost a duplicate of the famous Kennewick project..January 6, 1909.