

North Yakima's Plug Hat

There is but one plug hat in Yakima and this is made to do service upon all occasions, being worn by which ever citizen is chosen to do the honors.--News.

--Journal and Watchman (Walla Walla) Sept. 18, 1885

Old vs. New Yakima

Lots in North Yakima are selling at \$150 choic.

The citizens of the old town have offered lots free, provided the owners will build on them. This offer has been taken advantage of by some of the farmers in the vicinity who desire close proximity to schools.

The old town and new town of Yakima are still battling for supremacy. Many of the merchants of the former are taking advantage of the offer of the railroad company and are erecting shanties in the new town, transferring a portion of their business there and claiming the lot of ground. Capitalists are still uncertain where to invest.

As yet only 2 buildings have removed to the railroad town-- the Guiland house and Pratt's furniture store.

-- The Dalles Times-Mountaineer, March 7, 1885
information from an unidentified visitor

New Yakima

A petition has gone to the department asking for a postoffice at New Yakima.

Olaf Windingstadt, the surveyor who platted the site of New Yakima left January 30 for the Argentine Republic.

Rev. Mathew Bird, who recently migrated from Bozeman, Mont. and settled on the Wenas, also taking a dairy farm at the mouth of the Nile, in Hatches valley, is preparing to build a Methodist church at New Yakima.

The mail from New York to Yakima now comes but six days in transit. It used to be on the way six months.

The new city jail (old town) is completed. It has two cells and a down stairs and a hall. The upper story is to be used for council meetings. The outer walls of the structure as well as partitions and floors are made of 2 x 6 scantlings laid flat horizontally and spiked down on each other. The others are covered with rustic. Council holds its first meeting in the quarters this tonight. Mr. Fisk is the contractor who erected the building. The Washington Farmer, February 7, 1885.

Yakima Historical

The people of the old town of Yakima City have at last succumbed to the inevitable and moved in a body to the new town.

The mountain would not come to Mohamet and Mohamet had to go to the mountain. Many of the people have been compelled to leave home comforts and ornaments that it will take them many years to regain. The appearance of Yakima City in a few weeks will bring vividly to mind Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." Goldendale Sentinel, May 14, 1885.

Growth-Indians-Mines

The people of North Yakima hope and believe that the capital of the new state will be located there and are firmly of the belief that a direct railway from Portland will soon pass through the Yakima valley on its way to the Big Bend bountry.

Yakima real property is on the rise every day. Less than a year ago Colonel Hewlett gave \$3.50 per acre for 80 acres of government land sage brush about a mile and a half from town which he afterward sold for \$18 per acre. The land is on the bench or rise of land west of the city and one of the Yakimites told me confidentially that the new state capital would be erected there. It would be a delightful location and perhaps Mr. Browne, who is public spirited could be induced to donate it for this purpose. The land, purchased for \$18, was sold to George Browne of the St Paul and Tacoma lumber company of this city. Mr. Browne has since declined \$40 an acre for it.

This is court week in North Yakima and there is but one criminal case on the docket. At Ellensburg last week the docket was crowded with every kind of a crime to be tried from murder down. The Roslyn miners are costing Kittitas county a pretty round sum for police protection and a division of Kittitas county is talked of making Cle Elum the county seat of the new county. This could cut Kittitas from a very large portion of its mineral wealth. This reminds me that before I left North Yakima I heard of the discovery of an outcropping of coal on the Indian reservation. This reservation covers 800,000 acres of good land but the white man can not get at it until congress says so. Experts say there is coal under the whole valley and in the Moxee country, but hundreds of the settlers are not anxious to have coal discovered on their lands until they have proved up

The Catholics are doing good work among the Indian children at North Yakima. The St Joseph's school there has sixty eight Indian children and are building an additional school house. They also have

a parish school with 50 white children and 14 boarders. There is a fine large brick public school house in North Yakima with about 300 pupils, and an additional wing to the building is being constructed--Oregonian, April. 1889.

Move Yakima county seat

Money has been raised and petitions in the hands of active men are now being circulated for the removal of the county seat from Yakima city to North Yakima. Hon. J.B. Reavis will have charge of the memorial to the legislature...Next Monday there will be a meeting held here to agree upon form for a city charter.

--Journal & Watchman (Walla Walla) Nov. 13, 1885

Yakima Boom 1889

No boom in Yakima. None is necessary. She is getting there all the same.

--Yakima Republic April 5, 1889

Yakima city-
New Yakima moving
Guilland house

Payson Hatch of Portland will begin to move the Guilland House from the old to the new town today, Providence favoring.

-He will consume two weeks en route and the hotel business will be conducted on the way just as usual.

Hatch jacks the structure up, puts under it a set of cross timbers ~~100~~ 10 x 10 inches and beneath these places a double set of sills ~~120~~ 15 x 16 inches which set on rollers that move on plank four inches thick which lay on the ground.

The road will not be the route traversed by it as the prairie outside is smoother and a straighter line can be gotten by keeping away from the road.

The contract price is \$850 to set the hotel on a stone foundation at New Yakima. Four horses, two capstans and ten men will be used in transit. The railway company supply the timbers and Hatch the tools, men etc. The company pays the cost of moving. After the track shall have been cleared for this house other buildings following can be transported proportionately more expeditiously and with less cost and it is understood that the new highway so made will be improved and converted into a superb boulevard extending six miles from Union Gap to the Natchez with double rows of shade trees on each side and brought up to the standard of the royal drive on the shell roads of the south Atlantic seaboard.

The contractor of the new hotel, planned for Yakima is the man who has finished the palace of Col. Stacey at Seattle which the lumberman, J.R. McDonald, purchased for \$56,000. The Washington
Farmer, January 31, 1885.

New Yakims

During the past week the following improvements have been made at the new town.

Paint and cabinet shop of Hansen from Pomeroy built. Col. Sacey moved into his office built by Mr. Jno C. Forbes and Wm. McCowat.

James Jones, a painter from Walla Walla, preparing to build.

Jacob Cohn opening out S. Gregor & Co large stock of clothing.

Water struck in the well of Cummings and Tucker at 23 feet.

The Gem saloon opened by Mitchell & Powell next door to the livery stable of Cummings & Tucker.

The blacksmith shop of Schichtel & Shon about ready to move from the old town on rollers.

✓ Phil H. Hughes from Kennewick Incline has arrived with his family and will occupy house building by Geo W. Goodwin.

Mr. Keith has opened a saloon in the Shull block.

A.M. Miller's butcher shop finished.

R.R. Scheldnecht of Spokane Falls building a store.

J.S. Cox of Walla Walla building furniture and crockery store.

Neils Reeder Madson putting up store.

Al Churchill saloon.

Four blocks in neighborhood of the First National bank to have no saloons or hotels and to contain no business that will increase insurance.

Geo. Goodwin building too butcher shop for Chambers & Splawn.

✓ The postoffice block being erected by Mr. Engle to be 50 x 5000 36 feet; a tailor shop, barber shop and bath rooms by artist from Olympia.

Choice corner lots at \$500; inside \$400; best residence \$200 ✓

Mr. Plagen has contracted to erect passenger depot to cost \$6,000 and be 138 feet long. He has just finished depots at Simcoe, Popish and Watas. The official plat has arrived

for the city and will be placed on file at the court house.

Engineer T.S. Brandegge arrived and is ordered to survey the canal to water the town.

The moving of the Guiland house has been delayed by reason of the paraphernalia missing connection at Lasco. At present only one portion of the house, 25 by 50 is moving, the remainder being left for another trip. The route taken across the prairie is entirely east of the sinous coulee and on good level ground. The

Washington Farmer, Feb. 7, 1885.

"orth Yakima-Historical

..Although there is no city charter, no corporation, no councilmen, no aldermen, mayor or taxes the problem is soon solved.

There is a government and it is in the hands of four or five citizens with the Northern Pacific local agent at the head but the leading spirit and prime mover is M.V.B. Stacey of Seattle.

The expense of government and for public improvements is met by the railroad company and individual subscriptions. The town is beautifully platted with streets running north and south 100 feet wide and those running east and west 80 feet wide.

One hundred and fifty men are employed at \$2 per day on public improvements; 100,000 feet of sidewalk have been laid down and two miles more of sidewalk will be constructed by the first of June; water has been brought in trenches from the Waches river a distance of a mile and a quarter and now comes in irrigation ditches through all the streets, running north and south; contracts have been entered into with Col. Henry Cack and others for 4,000 balsam trees to be planted throughout the town, most of which have already been delivered and are growing.

The new depot building is nearly completion and will cost \$7,000 Plans for the new school house to cost \$4,000 are expected from Portland daily when work will be commenced. Although there are several fair hotels here I am informed by Mr. Stacey that a new one is projected to cost \$20,000. This is aside from the lot which is donated. It will be finished at an expense of \$10,000. The Arthur Pres, who el men of Missoula will own the controlling stock and carry on the business. Cor. W.W. Journal, April, 1885.

Yakima Valley 1887

Yakima, June 11, 1887

Editor Times-Mountaineer:

...Chills and fever are prevalent in the valley and they are easy to account for in the lowlands, where rank vegetation follows irrigation, and the farmer wears gum boots the year round; but the fact that the settlers of the higher altitudes along the mountain slopes are afflicted with the same malady is not yet accounted for...

The city of Yakima is very unsettled at present. It seems to be ^{it} "hanging between two opinions." It looks like a western cyclone had struck and cut it two. To one unacquainted with the facts it seems the essence of cussedness for a company to refuse such a town a depot, but on investigation discovers at least a partial excuse for the company doing this "naughty trick." It is naturally the result of hoggishness on the part of a few sore heads, and it is not the first instance where a town has suffered loss from the selfishness of such men... The R.R. company tried to get a location at old Yakima, and I am informed, offered \$30,000 for said location, but the man who owned it said, "No, by Shesus, it is worth more as dat;" they pulled out two miles to a section of their own land and located a depot and side track. Most of the town has moved to the new quarters but some still hang fire and swear they will quit the territory before they will follow the railroad. The town is very dull yet the druggists seem to be doing a good business, bottling quinine and "local option." If the two factions could come to a conclusion again and get the capital and another railroad through the Natchez pass Yakima would make a town yet.... OCCASIONAL

** The Dalles Times Mountaineer, June 18, 1887

Nearly all of the business men of the old town have taken lots in ~~the~~ new and also residence sites. Charlie Schanno is now offering every alternate lot in the old town free to persons who will build on them. Other real estate owners are preparing to do the same thing and while Mr. Lillie and Mr. Shull are opening restaurants at the new town it is by no means certain that the new town will go off with a boom as almost everyone expresses himself as intending to remain in the old town at least until spring.

Moreover one if not two newspapers will be maintained here and the advantages of this place contrasted in glowing colors with those of the ~~old~~ new.

The county seat and U.S. land office are here. The public school buildings, the Catholic Mission school, the bridge over the river, the trade of the Indian reservation, Parker Bottom, a portion of the business of Klickitat County as well as that of the rich and well settled valleys of the Ahtanum and Moxee will support here a considerable village and the proprietors of the old town do not propose to die without a struggle for supremacy.

The name of the new town is simply Yakima but as the old one has for its post office the same name there is no question but what the operating department of the N.P.R.R. will put a depot here to accommodate the business the new town boomers will of necessity have to offer inducements superior to any yet preferred to break up what is already established and still greater attractions to prevent newcomers from locating with the old settlers.

There is no question but that if the old town would be true to itself the new one will have but a slim chance of success; and while we are not at present adverse to the will of those who deem fit to make the change, The Farmer will not go off on a tangent as against the wishes and interests of the mass of this community. We shall

lots are 50 x 140 feet. The streets are numbered one way and have local Indian names, the other such as Natches, Wenas, Wenatchie, Cowychee, Kittitas etc.

either tonight or tomorrow night Mr. Schulze will meet Chas. B. Lambert the general land commissioner of the road who will come to Ainsworth from St Paul and the ~~000~~Antwain will arrive here by the next train thereafter.

During their visit the question will be definitely settled.

All of the committee have returned except Mr. Carey who received a telegram informing him of the illness of his mother at Brosnerville, Ogn and he is visiting her.

Much to the disapp intment of our people the committee did not return dressed in red plug hats etc. Washington "Armer, Dec. 6, 1884.

New Yakima

Wednesday the editor of the Farmer visited the new town.

Entering from the south we passed on Front street the following structures:

Jno. W. Schull's restaurant feeding 90 men.

The Lamborn hotel built by Lillie & Sheare and named in honor of General Chas. B. Lamborn, General land commissioner of the NPRR two stories, feeding 40 boarders and 25 to 50 transients. In this is the barber shop of Joseph Butler.

Land office of NPRR, A.A. Newbury in charge and waiting on various customers who debarked from the cars as well as a number who drove out in carriages from the old town and who were studying the chart of the Capital City and were being shown over the ground.

Livery stable of Cummings & Tucker.

Restaurant of Mitchell & Powell, not quite finished.

Tailor shop of P.B. Shiflet.

Residents under way for Harry Anderson, railroad conductor.

General office of engineer with J.J. Donovan, W. H. A. Munly and J.J. Fairfowl busy at their desks preparing profiles and general order of business for the extension.

Post office for the construction department of the railroad.

Telegraph office.

Northern Pacific express.

Warehouse for construction supplies for extension, 26 x 100 feet with platforms running all around, 38 x 124 feet.

The large store of Contractor Bennett and his warehouse also excavation for basement of a two story 30 x 80 feet these three structures together with the company's construction warehouse to be headquarters until the end is reached at Tacoma.

John Davers' saloon.

Two story building of Adkins, Imbrie & Shull, 20 x 60 and to be for a hotel.

Lumber was on the ground and carpenters are at work on the hardware store of Weed & Rowe, 25 x 80 feet, corner Yakima avenue and First street and their warehouse on one of the two side tracks already laid was about to be commenced. This is to be 24 x 50.

And on the corner of B and Second streets the store of Sam Gregor of Walla Walla, newly finished.

Preparations made by the railroad company for a large ice house.

Farmer & Clayey getting ready to build a saloon.

The site on which the Guiland Hotel is to be moved in a few days was pointed out on First street.

Site to be occupied by First National Bank shown on corner Yakima avenue and Third street.

And many other lots taken for various kinds of business too numerous to mention.

At the intersection of Yakima avenue and Front street the \$4,000 combination freight and passenger depot with general offices for the Cascade division is to be erected as soon as material is on the ground. It will be a duplicate of division headquarters at Mandan and Missoula the style of architecture Queen Ann a symbol of the new civilization that is being introduced in the valley.

At 25 feet water was struck in the well for the railroad tank and at the time of our visit the depth was 34 feet and water coming at the rate of two buckets to every three of dirt. The diggers were still sinking for the purpose of obtaining an exhaustless supply for the steam pump.

On visiting Col. Huson's office we learned that the engineers corps had just completed the organization of our full parties of engineers to supervise the work of construction over the next 45 miles of track to Ellensburg. The total number of this grade so organized is 30 men with W.H. Wightman in charge of camp 1; C.F. Reardon camp 2 A.M. Lupfer camp 3, R.C. Sattley camp 4.

J.J. Donovan will have charge of the building of track and bridges as he has had all the way from Big Ainsworth. He is a brilliant young engineer and an able lieutenant to Col. Huson.

The Naches river will be spanned by a Howe truss bridge, a little more than a mile above the new town.

Bridges will be built across the Yakima river between here and Ellensburg as follows: The first one just below the canyon at Selah valley; the second one five miles above that; the third one six miles west of Untahnum creek..

The first native born inhabitant of New Yakima greeted the hearthstone of Mr. and Mrs. Morg. Shearer, 20th inst.

At Huntington 25 passengers are quarantined on account of one case of small pox.

Over this western division contract Mr. Bennett found it necessary, in order to supply the various camps of his forces, to build a horse railroad twenty miles long. The road has a thirty-inch gauge, is built of heavy plant laid edgewise on stringers and operated by two mules which pull small cars having double flanges on concave wheels. The road costs about \$1,000 a mile to construct but it is thousands of dollars cheaper than a wagon road.

On the northeast side of Yakima valley is a belt of bench lands 75 miles in length and from three to 15 miles wide, containing several thousand acres.

A syndicate of monied men are making ready to purchase this immense tract and settle thrifty ~~of~~ 500 farmers on it. The soil of this land is volcanic ash from 15 to 100 feet deep and is of amazing fertility, inexhaustible and will become an addition to our great market garden for the cities of Washington Territory, Montana and Idaho.

We trust that in the not distant future Yakima will have a paper factory and especially utilize the hop vines of this district which are now totally wasted. In France paper is made from the hop vines, the fibre of which is rated as the very best known for fine papers..

Warranty deeds will be given by the NPPR land agent for lots in New Yakima. Choice corners are going at \$500 and inside choice business locations at low figures. Residence sites are put very low for the present. Many inquiries are coming in by mail in regard to all sorts of business and factories. The Washington Farmer, January 24, 1885.