

Drive from California 1865

A Mr. Johnson, well known as formerly a packer in this valley, arrived here last week with a large band of cattle --probably some 400 head-- which he drove overland from California.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, July 28, 1865

Thompson's river drive 1865

A party of gentlemen returned on Monday from Thompson's river, having driven up there this summer a band of 200 head of beef cattle. They report they received \$70 per head for them from the Cariboo butchers, who are in the habit of coming down to that point for their supplies. Ten cents per pound was the ruling price for beef on the hoof. There were as many as 2,000 head of cattle awaiting a market at Thompson's river.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, August 18, 1865

Cattle to Walla Walla 1866

Mr. William McEnnery passed through town this week with a band of 300 head of cattle-- mostly milch cows and beef cattle. He brought them up from Southern Oregon and proposes to winter them at his place at the upper end of this valley, and drive them next spring to the Blackfoot market.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, July 13, 1866

## Cattle Prices 1866

Drovers report that cattle of all kinds are selling at higher prices in Oregon and California than they have commanded in years, owing to their scarcity. Milch cows and beef cattle are selling there at from \$35 to \$50. The high waters of four years ago and the drought of two years ago swept nearly all of the cattle from California and the natural increase since then has been insufficient to cause a surplus. The scarcity in Oregon is accounted for on the ground that stock-raisers there have been selling off their cattle and turning their attention to sheep-raising. A drover of our acquaintance informs us that this upper country is now nearly as well stocked with cattle as either Oregon or California. The supply of cattle in the Blackfoot country is said to be much greater than the demand.

-- Walla Walla Statesman July 13, 1866



California to Cariboo drives 1866

Walla Walla, Aug. 14, 1866

650 head of cattle passed through Wallula last Saturday for Cariboo, B.C., having been driven all the way from Marysville, Calif. They swam Snake river at the mouth on Saturday afternoon without loosing <sup>(CQ)</sup> a hoof. The cattle belong to Jerome Harper and J.H. Parsons. They are heavy cattle dealers and have been engaged in driving cattle through to British Columbia since 1860. They usually pass through here about the last of July or first of August. They drive from 600 to 1,000 head every year.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, August 17, 1866

## Cattle on Boats

During the present week, 1,000 head of cattle and 100 horses have been shipped to this place by the O.S.N. company

—The Dalles Mountaineer, March 16, 1867

### Cattle Cross Mtns.

We learn from a gentleman in the cattle business—one who is reliable and knows what he says—that, at the least calculation, \$300,000 in coin will be paid to the farmers of the "cow counties" in exchange for cattle, the Spring, to be brought east of the mountains.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, March 23, 1867

## Cattle for Idaho

A drove of 306 head of fine stock cattle arrived on Wednesday by the steamer Iris, destined for Lewiston, Ida. territory. They were purchased in Idm county

— The Dalles Mountaineer, March 30, 1867



## Stock Drives over Cascades

We learn that large droves of cattle are being driven over the mountains on the Lebanon and old E<sup>m</sup>igrant roads. In a few years Wasco county will contain more stock than any other county in the state...

— The Dalles Mountaineer, June 29, 1867

## Cattle over Mountains 1868

The herds of cattle passing east of the mountains this spring are astonishingly large and numerous. We learn from Mr. Henry Nevins, of Fort Okanogan, that these cattle are driven to Yakima valley one year, and thence to British Columbia, Montana, etc., the succeeding season. Probably not less than 5,000 head have passed through Oregon City this season so far. If other routes are traveled in the same proportion, what a swarm they must present. — Enterprise

—The Dalles Mountaineer, June 20, 1868

Drive to B.C. 1868

Mr. William Connell, of Rockland, W.T., returned this week from a trip to British Columbia, where he went this spring with a band of 800 beef cattle. He wintered 134 head in that country last winter, and only lost one of them. Having disposed of his entire band of over 900 head, he returned by way of Victoria.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, July 3, 1868

### Cattle to East Side 1869

Several large droves of cattle have been driven over the mountains from the Wallamet valley to this county recently. Also quite a large number of families have found their way hither for the purpose of making themselves homes East-of-the-Mountains...

—The Dalles Mountaineer, June 25, 1869



## Cattle to East side 1870

Several large bands of cattle have come upon them boat from the Wallamet valley during the past week. Also 3 or 4 families with their wagons and household fixtures...The larger portion of them looked bleached and as if they had been shaking ~~ix~~ with their ague all the past winter, or otherwise suffering with the many different diseases indigenous to that section of our state. We welcome them all to our extensive plains of nutritious bunch grass and to our health invigorating climate.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, April 5, 1870

## Cattle Downriver 1870

Mr. Henry Barnum of this county sold and delivered to Messrs. Tilley & Co. of Puget Sound a band of 50 head of fat beef cattle. They were shipped below on the steamer yesterday morning.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, May 10, 1870

## Cattle Business 1871

The demand for fat beef cattle from Portland, Puget Sound and Victoria is increasing rapidly. Mr. Benj. Snipes sold last week to a buyer from below 50 head of <sup>four</sup> ~~three~~ year old steers that were averaged at 740 pounds each. We did not learn the exact price received, but was told that they realized over \$50 per head. These cattle were perfect beauties. Two years ago they were brought from the Willamette valley, where they cost \$10 per head. The first cost of 50 head at \$10 per head would be \$500; the cost of transportation and herding them <sup>amount</sup> realized from cattle \$2,500; for two years about \$8 per head, \$400; amount of expenses and first cost of stock, \$900; profits ~~from~~ in two years from the investment of \$500, \$1,600. If there is any legitimate business on the Pacific coast that can beat cattle raising for money making, we don't know of it.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, Feb. 25, 1871

Snoqualmie drive 1871

We received a call on last Saturday from Mr. E.<sup>D</sup>. Phelps of the firm of Phelps & Wadleigh, large cattle dealers doing business in the Yakima and Klickitat vallies...Mr. Phelps informs us that their cattle are in splendid condition and especial so a band of large steers that they wintered in the Yakama valley and have now ranging further up, in the Kitetas valley, towards the Snowqualmie pass. This band is intended for the Puget soundmarket.

— The Dalles Mountainerr, March 18, 1871



## Drives to East Side 1871

Within the last few days quite a number of men from the valley counties have gone up the Columbia in search of grazing and farming lands in Eastern Oregon and Washington territory. They are mostly men who want to go into the stockraising business and who want wider ranges than can now be found in the Wallamet valley. Quite a number of large droves of cattle have already gone up the Columbia and we hear of others in Polk, Yamhill and Linn counties who are preparing to go. —Oregonian 14th

—The Dalles Mountaineer, March 18, 1871

## Oregonians Bring in Stock

The ferry between this city and Rockland, W.<sup>T.</sup>, has lately been kept very busy ferrying from this side the poor young cattle brought from the Willamett and bringing back fat cattle that are destined for Portland, Puget Sound and the Victoria markets.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, April 8, 1871

### Cattle Arrive by Boat

During the past week about 600 head of cattle have arrived by the O.S.N. Co. steamship Idaho from the Willamette country; besides a large number of horses, mules and hogs, etc.

-- The Dalles Mountaineer, Apr. 22, 1871

## Lanky Cattle Arrive in Dalles

The 400 head of cattle that ~~arrived~~ left Salem on the cars last Sunday and arrived here on Monday and Tuesday evenings were in the worst condition of anything of the kind we have ever seen. The appearance of these starved brutes as they passed through our streets was anything but a compliment to the agricultural resources of Marion county. In some countries the ~~owners~~ owners of such ~~stock~~ live stock would be subject to arrest for "cruelty to animals."

— The Dalles Mountaineer, April 27, 1871