

Sunnyside
Agriculture

Sunnyside, April 10- Sunnyside is developing into an asparagus center these days and the succulent spring green is being shipped out by the carload.

W.B. Bridgman claims first honors when it comes to shipping the grass but there are many other growers who are now rolling asparagus to market. Shoots this season are reported to be unusually large.

J.M. Buckner is shipping heavily from his property between Sunnyside and Granger. Other heavy shippers are Bond Brothers and McKibben & Son--The Yakima Republic, April 10, 1925.

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An ordinance requiring every business house in Sunnyside to install a fly trap and keep it properly baited during the fly season was passed last night at the meeting of the city council and marked the final offensive before the beginning of the annual "swat the fly" campaign--Yakima Republic, July 7, 1925.

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Hops

Ezra Meeker, the Puyallup hop king, recently purchased 640 acres in the Sunnyside country, where no doubt he will soon begin the growing of hops on an extended scale.

Every indication points to Yakima's becoming the center of this industry for the Pacific coast within the next two years. Eighteen hundred and ninety three will see 3,500 acres of Yakima lands in hops--Yakima Herald, August 25, 1892.

The Sunnyside Hop and Fruit company has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$10,000. The incorporators are Tacoma people--Yakima Herald, September 29, 1892.

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The Herald is making arrangements for correspondents throughout the Sunnyside and lower Yakima country to keep the readers posted on developments taking place in that promising section-- Yakima Herald, March 2, 1893.

The Dunkard celebration.

The first annual reunion of the Christian cooperative colony at Sunnyside was held last Tuesday. The district school house was well filled with Sunnyside people and several business men from North Yakima. One whole day requiring three sessions was taken up in speechmaking, music and other entertainment including an elaborate dinner prepared by women of the colony.

The Dunkard cooperative colony at Sunnyside has enlarged its telephone system this spring until now it includes some 18 subscribers with connections to Mabton, Ellensburg and Toppenish--Yakima Democrat, May 19, 1900.

Wallace M. Williams has a ranch of 100 acres seeded to alfalfa in the Sunnyside country which he is allowing to seed this year as an experiment. It has been claimed by experts in alfalfa that the plant will not seed except in an altitude above 2,500 feet. One man in the Sunnyside district says he has 22 bushels to the acre. At that rate it will be worth \$100 an acre. It sells for \$4.20 a bushel or 7 cents a pound. It is estimated that merchants of Yakima valley send out \$20,000 a year for alfalfa seed, if the money can be kept at home, it will be a good savings...Yakima Democrat, August 11, 1900.

The Snipes Ranch, finest body of land in Yakima county subdivided into 20 and 40 acre tracts sold on easy terms. Free water. School house on premises. Especially adapted to dairying. Fechter and Janeck, offices in Allen block.

Sunnyside valley production, increased acreage from 8,497 in 1899 to 10,947 in 1900. Alfalfa 5,842 acres; clover and timothy 1,318; corn 495; potatoes 367; melons 50; orchard 1,991; hops 386;

grapes 8; sorghum 10; garden 26 1-2; Hay production around 50,000 tons selling at \$3.50 to \$4 in stack; new settlers arriving on nearly every train-- Yakima Democrat October 6, 1900.
Potatoes selling at \$11 a ton.

The NP railway company inaugurated series of settlers low rate excursions from St Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and other eastern points. Single trip rate to Spokane \$25; from Chicago tickets sell for \$30- Yakima Democrat, Oct, 1900.

Sunnyside Lands \$30 per acre on time. \$27.50 per acre cash.
Sold with a perpetual water right. H.B. Scudder, agent, North Yakima.

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R.D.Young, lately of the Great Northern railroad has bought a forty acre tract in the Sunnyside district and is building a residence which will cost \$2,000. The land will be planted to hops, alfalfa and fruit. There are now sixteen houses in the course of construction within a short radius of the town of Sunnyside, Yakima Herald, March 29, 1894.

The Sunnyside Horticultural society is now in active working order with 25 members. The following are officers: Dr. F.C. Jones, president; D.C. Gillis, vice president; R.D. Young, secretary and treasurer.

The Sunnyside and Zillah societies propose to keep fruit pests from that section if possible and will see that all trees before accepted from the railroad company are inspected and dipped -Yakima Herald, April 5, 1894.

Over 240 acres of land has been sold in the past week to settlers in section 3, 9, 22.

John B. Brown of Minnesota arrived yesterday with a car load of settlers' moveables.

Four weeks ago section 35, 10, 22 did not have a house upon it and today there are nine dwellings built upon it.

Notice has been received that 25 settlers will reach Sunnyside from the east during the coming week.

Tree planting is actively under way D.C. Gillis is planting 20 acres of apple, peach, pear and plum trees on his land in section 29, 10, 23.

A good flow of water in the canal reached Sunnyside on the morning of the 26th. Active work is being pushed on laterals to deliver water to settlers.

The water also reached the end of the main canal, 42 miles from the headgate on the same day, and is flowing the entire length of the Rocky Ford lateral.

The large force of men and teams are at work perfecting an extensive system of laterals and promoting the delivery of water.

D.R. McGinnis has his commission as postmaster and Sunnyside is now a full fledged postoffice center with a daily mail service. Joseph Miller is mail carrier between Mabton and Sunnyside.

A school election will be held today in school district No. 38, one and a half miles east of Sunnyside. The object will be the issuance of \$1200 worth of bonds to erect a new school house.

The Sunnyside Sunday school had an attendance of 45 last Sunday of which Mr. Robert A. Levy is the superintendent. The need of a large church is rapidly becoming pressing in the growing town and community.

The school house in section 20, two miles west of town is about completed. It will be ready for occupancy on the 15th of April and school will open on the 16th. The county superintendent of schools visited Sunnyside yesterday.

C.L. Whitney, nursery man of Walla Walla was in Sunnyside delivering fruit trees during the week. He donated a well selected list of fruit trees to the townsite office as a sample of what the Walla Walla nurseries can do. He also proposes to donate a small well selected list of fruit trees to be planted at every water tank through the arid belt between Connell and North Yakima to demonstrate what a desert will do when given life by the application of water.

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D.W. Riedel of the province of Manitoba, Canada, is in the city. Mr. Riedel comes as an advance emigration agent of a German colony which he settled some years ago in that province. He expects to locate as many as fifty families in Washington during the summer.

He may also locate other emigrants from colonies in the province of Assinboin who are dissatisfied with the country.

Last Wednesday Mr. Riedel, E.T. Curtis of Puyallup and an agent of the Northern Pacific, Yakima and Kittitas Irrigation company left for North Yakima from which place they drove sixty miles through the company's holdings. Several large ranches were visited.

Mr. Riedel was highly pleased with the country and procured an option on two sections of land under the canal with a view of making them the nucleus of his colonization scheme. Two more delegates from Manitoba have been telegraphed for by him and when they arrive in the Sunnyside country it will again be gone over and if they are satisfied with it quite a strip of Sunnyside land will be obtained and the colonizing scheme begun immediately.

It was Mr. Riedel's impression that the Yakima country could be made to produce excellent grapes. Another way he thought the German emigrants would make farming in Washington unusually profitable was in the preparation of sun dried hops, Tacoma Ledger, May 11, 1893.

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The purchase by the canal company of the land in school section No. 36, township 11, north range 20 east gives color to a belief that has been held for some time that the Sunnyside town will be on the river or just back from it on section 25 at that point.

This is opposite the Toppenish station and near where the ferry now is.

The price paid was \$17 per acre and it is not supposable that a company whose business is the selling of land would buy this tract unless it be for townsite purposes.

If the surmise is an accurate one, then the town will be only a mile or so beyond the old Sam Channell ranch.

It will at least be a bracer to prices of lands in that immediate vicinity and sometimes a guess is as good as a guinea.

Those who have opportunity to know about the location of the town-to-be- will not talk--Yakima Herald, March 31, 1892.

George M. VanDoren of Seattle sent a handsome buggy to R.J. Frazier this week.

Mr. Frazier is managing Mr. Van Doren's large interests here and is superintending the planting of his 160 acres in the Sunnyside area to corn. Yakima Herald, March 31, 1892.

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Oscar James of Roslyn, who represents himself and some twenty others who have homes in the Sunnyside country, was in town Wednesday and stated that he had been investigating the cost of machinery and other matters connected with the boring of artesian wells and should report to the others with a view of ordering an outfit and going to work in the spring.

Mr. James says that the boring operations around Roslyn developed artesian water in nearly all the prospect holes at depths ranging from 160 to 500 feet and that in some instances the water spurted ten feet from the surface. Some of the wells brought up water mixed with gas.

These were plugged to get rid of the bad smell, but the pure water is still flowing from others. These men are nearly all from Pennsylvania and entertain no doubt as to an abundant underflow of water in their colony of Sunnyside homesteads--Yakima Herald, October 15, 1891.

Settlement

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Pursuant to announcement that the overlapping lands in the Sunnyside section, restored to the public domain by the failure of the Northern Pacific to build the Columbia river road, would be opened to homestead settlement on the 17th inst. an anxious crowd of filers began gathering at the land office as early as 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the preceding day.

Jerry Rochford, the prosecuting attorney of the county, was the first in line and he was soon joined by Harry Spinning, W.C. Calhoun, R.I. Watson, W.L. Jones and others.

By 8 o'clock the hall was well filled and the waiters and watchers began to arrange matters as comfortable as possible for spending a long night. A couple of tables, some boxes and other improvised seats were secured.

The best of feeling prevailed and where two or more parties were after the same piece of land, new papers were drawn up and an amicable settlement made.

The applicants evidently did not hail from Kentucky for there were a noticeable absence of bottles but at midnight a substantial lunch was served at which a great big pot of hot coffee was furnished by Mrs. G.W. Rodman.

So e musically inclined individual had brought along his harmonica and he regaled the audience with choice selections from "Down Went McGinty," and "Little Annie Rooney." Cards were produced and whist was played to keep the watchers awake. An early breakfast was served and at 9 o'clock the office doors were opened.

Mr. Rochford presented his application. Register Krutz refused to accept the same basing his refusal on a letter received from Paul Schulze of the Northern Pacific land department which stated in substance that the lands in question, had, by resolution of the

board, been sold to the N.P. Yakima and Kittitas Irrigation Co. and that through some inadvertance notification of such sale and selection had not been filed at the land office. Schulze stated that the irrigation company was now constructing, at a cost of \$400,000 a large canal to make possible the irrigation of 60,000 acres of land and that the operations of the company would be seriously interfered with should failure be made to obtain title to lands, and in fact, in his judgment, it would be impossible to complete the ditch without having undisputed ownership of the lands in question.

He asked that the lands not be opened to entry, but to have the applications with the register's recommendation forwarded to the general land office for further action.

On the basis of the letter he rejected all applications excepting those of Thomas Sanders, Frederick Sharp and W.H. Wright, but noted priority of each application.

The following is a list of applicants: Jerry Rochford, Harry Spinning, William C. Calhoun, Robert I. Watson, W.L. Jones, George W. Rodman, Frank L. Rodman, William W. Curry, Charles F. Whitby, William W. McCarty, Andrew F. Kunz, David H. Guillard, Jno. C. McClothlen, Amos J. Allen, Thomas Sanders, Frederick Sharp, Sam J. Neelands, William H. Wright, Eugene C. Lynn, Wm. H. Steele, Jock Morgan, Robert J. Wylie and N.J. Beckner--Yakima Herald, March 19, 1891.

Christian Co-Operative Colony.

Our motto: Ideal homes, schools and churches; where

Climate is healthiest; no blizzards, no cyclones, no loss of crops by floods or drouths; where

Water is pure and easily obtained; where

Soil is richest, deepest and most easily worked; where

Products are greatest in variety and yield, and the best in quality where Fruit, apples, peaches, pears, prunes, plums, nectarines, apricots, cherries and grapes and all kinds of berries grow to the greatest of perfection; where

Livestock of all kinds are most cheaply raised and fattened; where

Grass of all kinds grow perfectly every year; where

Lumber and fuel are cheap and where

Markets are fully established.

Land can be had from first hands.

The Christian Co-operative colony is one of the liveliest things in this part of the valley and the principal development and improvement has been made by members of it. Its plan seems to have been wisely and deeply laid. The very cream of good citizens compose the body. They are conscientious and reciprocative, intelligent, industrious and religious. There is not a sport among them. Horse racing and dancing, and all allied pastimes they abhor and vigorously oppose. Every home seeker is met at Mabton by some member of the colony and shown the country from unnyside to Yakima, free of charge, for livery or board.

When families move in they and their goods are met at Mabton by a sufficient number of the colony to bring all over at once and the family is entertained free of cost until they can set up housekeeping for themselves.

On the spiritual side we are well provided. Elders S.H. Miller of Waterloo, Iowa and D.B. Eby of Lena, Ill. have located here and have organized a church of the German Baptist Brethren. Eljer S.J. Harrison, formerly pastor of the Brethren church of Falls City, Neb. and for two years editor of the Brethren Evangelist, H.M. Lichty, of the Citizens State Bank, Carleton, Neb. and John E. Laird, of Lanark, Ill and seven other families, making 12 in all, have settled here in homes of their own. We have preaching every Sunday morning and evening, the ministers taking turns. J.E. Laird is superintendent of the Brethren Union Sunday school and A.M. Lichty is president of the Y.P.S.C.E. and Mrs. Laird is principal of the Sunnyside public schools.

"...Two weeks before starting with your car write the Christian Co-operative Colony, Sunnyside, Wash. and then when you get to Hope, Idaho, telegraph to the Christian Co-operative Colony, Toppish, Wash., Care of Telephone, Sunnyside, just when you will arrive at Kabeton with your car and you will meet with Colony teams that will convey your goods to Sunnyside free of charge. That is one of the ways we cooperate..2

"....We built an ice house last year, co-operatively and got the ice on a pond filled from the irrigation canal. Some bring it from the river. Some winters we are obliged to ship it in, but we are not far up the valley to where the ice is fine and abundant....

"...we represent the Yakima Investment company with the bulk of the lands lying under the Sunnyside canal, also the Sunnyside Townsite company with all the lots and acreages in the town of Sunnyside as well as other desirable lands. But we would have it distinctly understood that we claim to be the agent of the homeseeker rather than

Sunnyside (Aug. 22, '48)

As the last charred and aged boards are ripped down the site of the only remaining wooden building in downtown Sunnyside, the Home Cafe, old-timers recall nostalgic bygone days that have been memories since long ago.

A city landmark since its erection in 1903-04, this ancient structure has seen Sunnyside through years of depression, boom, and war. It has seen Sunnyside boom with the first flow of water and the recent flow of atomic energy workers, and almost die in several panics.

Down thru the years, this building has seen a passing parade of occupants, ever since Godfrey & Baird first ran a drug store there in 1904 (and reportedly did a thriving, if unofficial, liquor business in the back).

It has housed a meat market, run by an ill-fated butcher named Brocher, who later was killed when he fell into a vat with a hog he was butchering.

It was the scene of many rollicking times around 1910, when, as a theatre, it saw amateur boxing bouts and an exhibition with flaming Indian clubs by the present city clerk, Kirk Stone, as well as early "flickers."

As the years rolled by, it was known variously as Black's Cafe, Borgerson's Variety store, Wally Carpenter's Cafe, "Lizzy's" Cafe, and, finally, the Home Cafe, under which name it has had innumerable owners and managers. (Somewhere, sandwiched in between times, when the occupant sold food, another occupant, unidentified, but described as tall and thin, sold electrical appliances. No one is sure just when, or for how long).

Just about five years after the construction of the Home Cafe Building, Lee A. Johnson and Lou A. Search financed the present Killingstad Brothers store next door, which, incidentally, is being remodeled at the same time the wooden structure is being torn down.

More recently, the old frame has been the subject of many caustic comments from visitors and residents alike. Some, they say, even considered arson in order to rid the community of the "fire-trap." Fire Department volunteers swore they wouldn't answer the next call coming from there, but it wasn't meant to be burned down, as almost everyone predicted.

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are satisfied. But the old-timers, the pioneers, can recollect a lot of history woven around its timbers, history that tells the story of Sunnyside in its youth. Timers recall nostalgic days that have been memories.

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The indefatigable D.R. McGinnis, sales agent for the embryo metropolis of Sunnyside, a town recently started in this county at a point about 37 miles below this city, was in the city last week on a business errand.

He is enthusiastic over the success which is attending the initial outtry outery of the new town of Sunnyside.

Several excellent residences and three or four business houses as well have been completed. A number of others are now in process of being erected and many more are contemplated.

There is no reason why an important trade center should not speedily be built at this point. It is in the very center of a magnificent district, every acre of which may and will eventually be devoted to the production of fruits and vegetables and it is understood that this will be the result of present vigorous efforts in the region.

It will be a rich and beautiful section, susceptible of enormous development and undoubtedly it is destined to become a veritable garden spot, beautified in season by the fragrant bloom of a labyrinth of orchards and vineyards. The Herald bespeaks great success in the undertaking and predicts that a densely peopled district of prosperous tillers of the soil will quickly grow out of the present movement--Yakima Herald, Feb. 8, 1894.

Twenty-nine persons met at the office of Mr. McGinnis last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school. There seemed to be much interest manifested, and the meeting was a great success. The election of officers was delayed until next Sunday.

In this growing town there are no religious services until tonight and it is hoped and expected that Bishop Wells of the

Episcopal church may grant us a mission, as the Rev. Daniel G. MacKinnon, rector at North Yakima, is in town today to hold service for us and to report his visit to the bishop. The following are the names of those in attendance Sunday: Mrs. J. W. McGinnis, Robert Levy, Mrs. Levy, Miss Levy, Mr. Ludlam Mr. Bennet, Mr. Kunz, Mrs. Kunz, Mr. Petrie, Mr. Gillis, Mrs Charles Hatch, Miss Cera Garland, Miss Paine, Mrs. Hoover and a friend whose name we have forgotten, Mr. Uyl, Mr. Garland, Jr. Mr. Ed Levy, Carl Levy, Andrew McGinnis, Clark McGinnis, Wiletta McGinnis, Minnie McGinnis, four children of Mr. Kunz whose names we did not learn, Jessie Hatch and a number of others.

Many of these are eastern people who have come here recently and purchased homes in Sunnyside and the adjacent country-- Yakima Herald, February 15, 1894.

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...The Sunnyside hotel is a fine three-story structure with large spacious rooms and commands a slightly view of the magnificent valley. It is under the management of a Mr. Stratton.

The Globe hotel is a new structure and under the beaming smile of Landlord Morris, the stranger soon feels at home. Sunnyside is proud of her hotels and she has just cause to be. Walter Smith also runs a restaurant in connection with the bakery and tobacco store.

The Cline grocery company, under the management of Mr. Cline, carries a mammoth stock of general merchandise and is noted for square dealing and courteous treatment. Mr. Cline is also postmaster, and the office is located in the company's store.

Mr. Cannon has a well selected stock of general merchandise and maintains the good will of his customers and finds his trade steadily growing. B.M. Brewer, successor to Brewer & Crabb keeps a good and carefully selected stock of hardware and is one of the most popular dealers in the Yakima valley. Frank Petrie keeps a well selected stock of furniture.

J.W. Henderson will soon open a new and fresh stock of drugs next door to the Cline Grocery company. Alvey & Wright, real estate and insurance agents, occupy a neat office. Mr. Alvey is a gentleman of good address and impresses every one most favorably. Mr. Wright is favorably known. Mr. Wright had the misfortune to break his leg some six weeks since and is doing well under the medical care of Dr. McCracken of Zillah.

Mr. Brathurgh keeps a jewelry store. Mr Jones, lately from Yakima City, is engaged in the livery business. His stable is close proximity to both houses (hotels) If in need of a good turnout, give him a call.

W.M. Stoby has also a large livery stable and carries the daily mail to and from Mabton.

Prof. Rauch has charge of the Sunnyside school and Mr. A.B. Buel is the village smith. And last, but not least, is Mr. Leonard Jenkins, who has interests in eastern and southern Washington and is sojourning here. Mr. Jenkins is the social lion of the town and the Ward McAllister of the valley.

To say that there is need for a bridge across the Yakima river near Mabton only expresses it mildly, as the population is large enough to entitle them to one at an early period.

This is unquestioned by any fair minded citizens of the county who is posted on conditions.

Miss Leva Malinda of Zillah was a visitor with friends here the past week.

Droncho, Sunnyside, Jan 28, 1895.

The school house in the
D.R. McInnis, formerly of the Sunnyside but now secretary of the St Paul Commercial club has been elected vice president of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society--Yakima Herald, Feb. 7, 1895.

The school house in the Bacon district has been completed so that now the young hopefuls of that vicinity are no longer compelled to attend school in a shack--a fact which is appreciated by Master Salterlite as well.

Work on the new school house is progressing rapidly. It is already enclosed and will be an ornament to the town and one which we can all feel justly proud of.. Adam Diglyer, Yakima Herald, Feb. 28, 1895.