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Mr. Click Relander The Yakima Daily Republic Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you for the clipping about the Olmstead cabin. These are the kind of articles that become more and more valuable as time passes.

We have some pictures of the Northern Pacific, but we do have its entrance into Washington. Nor are there any such as it passes through the Yakima Valley.

We do have a picture of the first train to tidewater - that is the first overland, which arrived in Tacoma September 14, 1883. We have a picture of a train at its first depot and the Blackwell hotel taken in the mid 1870's - this was the train from Kalama. We also have blue print pictures of the switch-back construction, west side and the east side.

The Tri-City Herald of Pasco, edition of their Atomic Edition. In this there appears two pictures that might be of interest to you, one of the bridge and another of the town of Ainsworth.

We do hot have pictures of Yakima - and we should have. There might possibly be some in the Curtis collection, but not as yet indexed. These would probably be of farms or ranches and not of the town.

The Northern Pacific two mentioned we can have made for you and presume that the blue prints can be coppied should you wish to have them.

Cordially yours,

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