

Do you know that the first federal report on the Yakima valley held no inducement to settlers? It consisted of 123 pages compiled about 1854 by Capt. T. J. Cram of the United States engineering force, who stated he was "unfavorably impressed" with the country and the people of the interior." He added there will "never be anything in this forbidding stretch of country." The vast region drained by the Columbia he termed "incapable of supposed sustaining a flourishing civilization..the region is only fit as a general rule, for occupancy by the nomadic tribes who now roam over it and should be allowed peacefully to remain in its possession." "As for the now enormously productive and progressive Yakima valley," the whole Yakima country should be left to the quiet possession of the Yakima and Klickitat Indians."

Later he hammered again that "in the acquisition of this territory, the United States realized from Great Britain but very little that is valuable or useful to civilized man, "or the Indians, but for the presence of the whites, it would ever have remained well adapted." The whole Cram report incidentally, was officially okeh'd by the government and an order issued forbidding white settlers to enter the country east of the Cascades. In 1857 following a visit of Gen. N.S. Clarke, the policy was reversed and the eager settlers poured in--About 1940. Republic.

Armory

A meeting of the Armory association was held Tuesday evening and much enthusiasm was shown in favor of going ahead with the project of building a combined armory and theater.

There is enough due the militia~~x~~ from the state to complete the payments on the lots purchased and it is proposed that subscriptions to the amount of \$2,500 in cash and \$2,500 in labor be raised among the members of the two companies, many of whom are carpenters and from whom subscriptions in work would be fully as acceptable as in cash. It is the intention of the association to at once push this project--

Yakima Herald, July 12, 1894.

Army Recruiting

Lieut. G.E. Carleton and his assistant, William Gardiner of the U.S. army arrived here from the Dalles last Friday to open a recruiting office. They have secured rooms over Taft's drug store for headquarters.

They will remain here for the next two weeks. They want recruits for the army, and young men are invited to call and make application--The Yakima Herald, April 1, 1902.

Lieutenant Carleton who opened a recruiting office here a week ago has so far been unable to secure a man for the services and expects to be ordered to North Yakima in a few days--Dalles Times-Mountaineer, April, 1902.

Armory

Those who are interested in the Armory association which was recently incorporated with a capitalization of \$15,000 by members of Troop C and Company E, N.G.W., met at the opera house Tuesday evening and decided upon the purchase of lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 and 7, block 33, situate on Second street opposite the Columbia school.

The lots are owned by the Northern Pacific and can be had for \$750. The election of officers of the association resulted in E.F. Benson being chosen president; A.A. McDermid vice president; B.D. Vandiver, secretary and F.C. Hall, treasurer--Yakima Herald, April 26, 1894.

Cavalry

Troop C First Cavalry battalion N.G. W. Captain Fred R. Reed commanding, organized in this city about three months ago with an enlistment of nearly a full troop of vigorous young men, received the new uniforms on Mondaylast.

Members of the troop are highly elated over Captain Reed's success in securing for them an extra quality of goods in the entire uniform but particularly is this fact noticeable in the dress suits.

The boys make an attractive appearance in their handsome war-like toggery. They are progressing nicely with their drill exercises and evince generally a special aptitude for the task.

The troop will give its opening ball on next Thursday evening. The matrons are Mesdames Fred R. Reed, Edward Whitson, Frank Hosley and W.F. Morrison.

Rev. D.G. Mackinnon, rector of the Episcopal parish of this city and a member of Troop C, has been appointed chaplain of the First cavalry battalion with the rank of captain--Yakima Herald, September 28, 1893

Cavalry troop organized

On Saturday last a public meeting was held in the council chambers for the purpose of organizing a troop of cavalry. Seventy-one names had been signed to the call previously circulated and as a result there was a fair attendance, it being a noticeable fact that a large percentage of those present were stalwart men from the surrounding country.

Samuel Vinson was called upon to preside and J.H. Bradford Jr., was chosen temporary secretary.

The following officers were elected: Captain Fred R. Reed, first lieutenants, James J. Wiley; second lieutenant, George Weikel; secretary Harry Coose, treasurer M.S. Scudder.

It was agreed that those present who had signed the rolls should be charter members.

It is hoped that a surgeon will be chosen to look after life and limb for the parts of those troopers as well best answer requirements--
Yakima Herald, February 18, 1892.

(Spanish-^American War Influence in Ad)

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If you want something your own grocer is out of let Us Serve You

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Yakima Herald, Sept 8, 1898.

Yakima Armory

The first definite step in securing the \$75,000 armory appropriation was completed yesterday when the city and county commissioners agreed to purchase a site.

Following the objection of County Commissioner Lancaster to place the tax for the site on the county as a whole, a compromise was reached whereby the city commission agreed to pay half the purchased price which is not to exceed \$10,000.

The county commissioners, comprising Messrs ~~Lema~~ Lancaster, Lemay and Olsen and the new commissioners, Stuart and Stslhut who are to take office Monday to succeed Merris Lemay and Olson, agreed to the appropriation by the county of the other half of the purchase price of the site.

The site agreed upon is the so called Frank-Thompson site on South Second street diagonally across from the central fire headquarters. The dimensions are 150 x 140 feet the 100 foot lot belonging to the estate of Philip Frank and the 50 foot lot adjoining belonging to W.H. Thompson. It is declared by the committee that the two pieces of property have been offered them for a price within \$10,000. The Yakima Herald, January 8, 1913.

Holiday- Historical

Whereas Company E of the Washington Volunteers is scheduled to return Tuesday evening, Nov. 6 and whereas the committee on arrangements has decided to celebrate the event on the following Wednesday and as all citizens will delight in doing honor to Yakima's returning heroes it is requested that Wednesday, Nov. 7 be observed as a legal holiday and that all business houses will be closed on that day.. O.A. Fechter, Mayor. Yakima Herald, Nov. 2, 1899.

As announced last week Lieut. J.P. Morton and staff of the United States navy came here last Thursday and opened a recruiting office in the armory for a brief period, remaining only two days.

Although the coming of the officers had not been announced, but one day ahead, there were seven applicants by boys for places as apprentices in the navy.

The applicants were: Fitzhugh Lee Radford, Daniel Orlando Price, Ernest David Sample, George William Jackson, Hugh Sanders, Squire Bailey and Frank Keyton.

Young Bailey and Keyton were rejected on account of their physical disability, mainly their height not corresponding with their weight. Hugh Sanders is the colored boy who has been making his home with William Jackson, the barber.

All these boys are between 15 and 17 and enter the navy as apprentices at \$9 per month besides board and clothes. The boys will first be taken to Goat Island in San Francisco bay where there is a large barracks and training school. After remaining at that place six months undergoing special instructions they will be assigned to ships and will have an opportunity of rising to any position in the navy.Lieut. Morton left here Friday morning for Walla Walla to open an office there for two days--Yakima Herald, March 11, 1902.

Down in the postoffice is a sign that reads:

"Wanted, young, healthy single men to go into the United States navy."

"What a shame. Why take the young men out of the market and put them to so unproductive a calling as the navy? Why not leave them here to help build up a country through productive toil of some kind? If they went people for the navy, why not advertise as follows:

Wanted-Old broken down real estate boomers, busted lawyers, decayed politicians and incompetents in general."

The only scheme that we know of to beat this plan would be to put all our convicts in the naval service. What's the use of taking good ~~you~~ young men that civilization needs to build up a country? If we have got to support armies and navies, let us take our criminals and support them in the service instead of supporting them in idleness in penitentiaries--
Outburst, June, 1902.

Navy recruiting

Word was received yesterday from Lieutenant W.H. Toaz of Portland by Lieut J.W. ~~Diamond~~ Diamond of the national guard to the effect that a temporary navy recruiting station will be installed here from Tuesday, January 14 till Thursday January 16.

If the experiment brings good results North Yakima will undoubtedly be a permanent recruiting station.

The station at Walla Walla is the nearest to the city; several fellows who wished to join the navy having made application at that place during the last month.

Hospital Apprentice M.F. Garrity will be the first recruiting officer for those three days.. The Yakima Herald, January 10, 1913.

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Soldiers in Kittitas

Col. John Green has gone to Kittitass valley with two companies of cavalry numbering 120 men. He has sort of a roving commission, which authorizes him to go with his command wheresoever he deems it necessary...though his regular camp will be in the Kittitass valley.

--Portland Oregonian May 6, 1879

Dr. Elmer KONGOS E. Heg is well acquainted with Capt. Chas. King, whose entertaining serial is now running in the Herald. Capt. King is at present a colonel in the Wisconsin militia. He formerly was a regular army officer but was retired on account of disabilities received while fighting Indians. Dunraven Ranch is attracting the attention it merits. 2-290

Walla Walla grand army men are endeavoring to have John
Pieper of that town appointed Indian agent at Yakima. *Herald June 13 1889*

Miscellany

An order has been issued delegating Capt. Charles B. Johnson of the First Cavalry of Sprague to be here on the 17th inst. and muster in the local militia company, which will probably be known as Company A. 3-6-90

Company A, Second regiment, National Guards of Washington, fifty strong and Yakima's pride and joy, the drum corps, left at 2:45 this morning for regimental encampment grounds at American lake, 12 miles out of Tacoma. The train bearing them also carried Company B of Coldendale, Company C of Centerville and Troop A, 1st cavalry of Sprague.

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Miscellany

A fair sized crowd met at the GAR hall last Thursday evening and organized a militia company. J.C. MacCrimmon was elected captain; Dudley Exhelman first lieutenant, Matt Bartholet second lieutenant and G.A. Bailey orderly sergeant. 7 18-89

Miscellany

North Yakima is to have a militia company. A large number of young men have signed the rolls and a meeting for the purpose of organization and securing equipment will be held at the G.A.R. hall July 11 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. A full attendance is desired. *June 28, 1889*