

"Pierce City Amusement"

A Pierce City correspondent writes that the peaceful hum-drum existence of the Pierce Cityites was "agreeably enlivened" by a sprightly shooting scrape between a couple of Chinamen. The particulars are somewhat as follows:

"The parties were merchant princes of the mountains. One had sold to the other, and in adjusting their accounts upon final settlement, some problem occurred which required this solution. Mr. Hung Maw Chung shot his antagonist in the leg (they always hit them there). The reason is this: the one who is on the point of running is always the one who does the shooting--he aims for the leg in order to disqualify his adversary for the race. The ~~shortest~~ shootist retired immediately from the public gaze, and the Sheriff has not been able to interview him yet."

--Walla Walla Union, Nov. 20, 1875

Quakes at Chelan

From parties just down from the Upper Columbia near the mouth of the Spokane River we learn there are 75 to 100 Chinamen and several white men engaged in mining on the bars of the Columbia who are doing quite well...

Earthquake shocks are of daily occurrence and the loud ominous noises that have made the region of country around Lake Chelan and the Methow River a terror to the Indians for years are still heard. As yet no one has visited that region to find out what is going on in that part of the laboratory of nature.

--Walla Walla Union, May 13, 1876

Chinese Dry Ducks

John Chinaman adorns the sunny walls of his house with salt ducks hung out to dry.

--Walla Walla Union, Dec. 2, 1876

Chinese New Years 1877

The Chinese New Years Day, which commenced last Monday, was celebrated by the followers of Confucius in ample form, extending through several days. They gave several large dinner parties which were enlivened with music. By the by, the Chinese do not appear to have much taste in music, or a discord in harsh sounds has lost its power to please. Which is which, we frankly confess we do not know.

--Walla Walla Union, Feb. 17, 1877

Chinamen Miners 1879

Hundreds of Chinamen are regularly engaged in mining along the banks of the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. Nearly all the bars, from Umatilla up to Lewiston, yield more or less fine gold, which the celestials extract by means of the old fashioned rocker, which is placed at the edge of the water. The pay dirt is carried in baskets, sometimes a distance of 100 yards. The rockers have an upright handle to them, which the worker operates with one hand and gives a rocking motion to the machine while with a long handled dipper he ladles water into it with the other hand. The dirt and gravel run off with the outflowing water and the minute particles of gold adhere to a piece of blanket or coarse cloth fixed in the bottom for that purpose. They make from \$1 to \$1.25 per day on the average, which amount the white miner scorns so John has peace and quiet possession.

--Puget Sound Courier (Olympia) June 13, 1879

March 2 1885

North Yakima
historical

There are several white laundries in North Yakima. Let the people show their appreciation by taking their laundry work to those white people.

The erection of the post office building has been commenced by the contractor, Mr. M.B. Pelan. The building when completed will be 26 x 50, story and a half.

Freight rates from Walla Walla to North Yakima are on furniture, tents, harness, etc. \$1.13 a hundred; on doors, windows and hardware 90 cents a hundred; on secondhand house old goods, released \$1.03 a hundred.

That residence houses may be moved with considerable ease was fully demonstrated on Thursday last by the removal from the old town to this city of the house of Mr. J.C. Farrell. The house started on its trip across the prairie at 2 p.m. and arrived at North Yakima at 5 p.m. making the trip in four hours time.

Tacoma has declared that the Chinese must go. At a meeting a resolution was passed declaring "that it is the sense of this meeting that the Chinese be excluded from this city to discourage the giving of any employment to them. That in employing laborers or workmen the consideration of the Chinese cheap labor should not obtain where our own citizens to whom we are bound by every tie of country, flag, citizenship, mutual interest and mutual support and in need of employment."

Washington Farmer, March 7, 1885.

"A Chinese Funeral"

On Thursday afternoon, Quong Yeuen, a well-to-do rat eater, after having given up his ghost to the hydra-headed gods of his native heath, was ~~trans~~ taken in hand by his countrymen and planted in the Chinese cemetery in the most approved style. Seventeen vehicles, including the hearse and two wagons loaded with dead pigs, jerked duck and mysterious meats, made up the sorrowful procession. A couple of heathen were busily occupied on the line of march scattering small papers to the four winds--probably giving the present address of the departed Celestial. Carniverous animals prowling about the cemetery will have a feast over the offerings placed over Yeuen's grave...

--Walla Walla Union

--Northwest Magazine, Aug, 1886

Chinese Troubles 1887

For some time past great dissatisfaction has existed among the Chinese at the NP front and they have been making it uncomfortable for the Chinese agents or bosses. The last of three that came among them they tied to a tree and then stabbed him, when the white guards interfered. They then attacked the guards with clubs, stones, knives, hatchets and shovels. The guards finally fired upon them before they would desist. The Chinese then stampeded, leaving seven Celestials wounded, two of these severely and one fatally.

— The Dallas Times-Mountain, April 23, 1887

Chinamen Shovel Snow

Localizer— To get snow out of a cut near the summit some 500 Chinamen have been employed in the business of getting the snow out of the way and keeping the road bed clean. To do this, at one place eight tiers of Chinamen were employed for weeks in throwing the snow from one to another to clear the cut...(for track laying)

—The Dallas Times-Mountaineer, May 7, 1887

Chinese 'Devils'

Signal: The Northern Pacific company is endeavoring to get 200 Chinamen for surfacing on the west side, but the celestials believe the canyon through which the road passes is filled with devils ~~and~~ who are strictly opposed to coolies, and refuse to go.

— Times-Mountaineer, May 21, 1887

Ellensburgh Chinese

The new Chinese tenement house on Main and Second street is crowded with Celestials.

--Ellensburgh Capital, Nov. 29, 1888

Growth Chinese

Much complaint is heard regarding the Chinamen encroaching on block 12. Messrs Redfield, Schichtl and Schorn are among the complainants and threaten to turn their property into China tenements and abandon the block to the celestials if they are not barred out entirely. The city fathers should allot the beaten a district and keep them there--Yakima Herald, March 13, 1890.

"At North Yakima the nuisance which has so long afflicted San Francisco and Portland, which Tacoma is now wrestling with and which is more or less a nuisance in every town on the coast has been avoided by setting apart a block removed from the center of town to be rented to Chinese and no others.

This is as it should be. It is little better than theft to sell town lots to a white man and next or near it to sell to a ~~white~~ Chinaman who is sure to render it useless--Olympia Transcript--(From Washington Farmer, April 11, 1885.)

Mining:

Judge Willis Sweet of Idaho has decided that Chinamen have no rights whatsoever on mining lands of the United States and that the lease of mining claims to Chinese is equivalent to the abandonment of the same.

The decision is far reaching in effect and will result in the release of much valuable ground in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington , which is now held by the Celestals--Yakima Herald, May 1, 1890.

Chinese

One night last week a mob of Pasco citizens organized and drove eleven Chinese section men across the Columbia river to Kennewick and warned them not to return under penalty of rougher usage.

The Celestials were escorted back under the protection of the sheriff and now several of Pasco's citizens are under arrest, charged with being implicated in the enforced exodus. The Chinese claim that they were robbed of between \$200 and \$300 at the time of the raid--Yakima Herald, Nov. 14, 1895.

Chinese..

Large numbers of Chinese moved into Portland, Ore. during the fall of 1872 to live during the winter, coming from the interior where they had been ~~mining~~ washing gold on the mines.

The city officers made a raid on the Chinese quarters on the 24th and captured six Chinamen charged with opium smoking and one charged with stealing a pair of shoes from Wa d Bros. A lot of opium pipes and other plunder was also gathered in. 6-1990

Fifty Chinamen who have been employed in putting in new railroad ties near Badger were taken to the west side Tuesday. By September 1st, 140,000 new ties ~~have~~ will have been laid between Ellensburg and Pasco. 6-3-91