

Parker Bottom

A postoffice has been established in the Parker Bottom country at Captain Robert Dunn's place under the name of Parker.

Miss Theresa Dunn has been appointed postmistress--Yakima Herald, July 26, 1894.

John L. Wilson informs The Herald that he has received notification from the Second Assistant Postmaster General that proposals have been invited for tri-weekly mail service between Zillah and Parker, Yakima county--Yakima Herald, September 13, 1894.

The survey crew which has been working in the MacDonald meadows and Herkey orchard for the past two weeks staking out lots for the new town are still busy as ever but expect to complete their job within the next week.

Tuesday morning the dredger passed through the first of the many weirs along the canal.

These weirs, which were made last fall and winter have cement foundations while the centers are constructed of framework which was for temporary use until the dredger worked to them. Then the frame work, which was built only wide enough to permit the huge machine to slide through would then be removed and after the machine passed would be completed entirely with cement work and for permanent use. The dredger is working south of L.H. Robert's fruit ranch this week.

Sawyer's woods was the scene of life and merriment last Friday when all the pupils of the Parker school with their parents, brothers and sisters took their lunches and went on a picnic. Yakima ^{May} Republic, ~~April~~ 6, 1910.

Parker Hops
fruit dryer

Hop picking in the Parker Bottom district is progressing nicely.

Capt. Robert Dunn shipped a carload on the 18th from Simcoe and other growers are getting ready to ship.

A correspondent writes that ^hpeaces are nearly gone and that C.P. Wilcox's dryer is approaching completion and will soon be ready for operation--Yakima Herald, Sept. 20, 1894.

Sunnyside and Parker

Thompson & Perry have shipped this season from the Fred Thompson and Halstead & Baker ranches 8,000 boxes of fruit by express and 11 carloads by fast freight.

Of the latter one car was for Seattle, four for Butte, one for Helena, one for Missoula, two for Minneapolis and two for St. Paul.

Capt. Robert Dunn has shipped todate over 2,000 boxes of fruit, mostly to Seattle.

Halstead & Baker have , from ten acres of young orchard, gathered 75 tons of prunes this season.

The Parker Bottom and Sunnyside sections have made great developments during the past year and the shipments named, together with many more, were from Simcoe station--which prior to last month, never had an agent--
Yakima Herald, September 13, 1894.

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Rev. Stayt and some of the residents of Parker Bottom are agitating the building of a Presbyterian church for that locality.

The Church Extension society will give a third of the amount raised by the residents and Capt. Robert Dunn has offered to deed suitable grounds--Yakima Herald, Feb. 28, 1895.

Parker

The creamery of Robert Dunn of Parker Bottom caught fire in some unknown manner on Tuesday night and was entirely consumed. The loss is an especially heavy one on the community as the creamery was doing a fine business and much milk was being used. An insurance of \$2000 was carried on the building and plant in the agency of O.A. Fechter-- Yakima Herald, Feb. 4, 1897.

Parker post office is near the center of the precinct and is fourteen miles south of North Yakima on the east side of the Yakima river.

The precinct is circled by a range of hills which gives it a southern exposure, making the season ten days earlier than at North Yakima .

The scenery is grand. To the west and to the north west are snow capped Mts. Adams and Rainier and the Cascade range. A magnificent river flowing past is skirted with timber.

Two miles away over the river is the Yakima Indian Reservation and the N.P. Railway. Winding around the foothills is the fine canal of the Yakima investment company which flows for forty miles down the valley. Beginning a quarter of a mile below the head gate the valley is entirely in farms, till it passes out of the precinct.

Here are the largest fruit farms, alfalfa fields and hop yards of the county. The products of the valley are rich beyond estimate. It was in Parker that peaches, prunes, apples, cherries and grapes were first grown on a large scale.

There are ranchers here who ship from 500 to 600 tons of fruit, loading 20 to 30 cars per season at Simcoe station. There is hay without end. We have a sober, thrifty population. Schools and churches are well attended and their influence is appreciated--
Maggie Dunn, Yakima Herald, Feb. 17, 1898.

Yakima county is to have another town, a deal having been closed by which an eighty acre tract has been secured by G.S. Rankin and Alex McCredy to be placed on the market during the spring as the townsite of Parker.

The incorporation papers of the company have been filed at Olympia, the organization being known as the Parker Townsite company and the North Yakima and Wapato bankers being the incorporators. Capital stock is announced as \$25,000.

The new townsite is at the crossing of the Northern Pacific railroad ~~the~~ and the North Coast ~~located~~ railroad at what is generally designated as Parker Siding. As the county commissioners are arranging for a bridge across the Yakima river between Parker fruit district and Parker Siding and there will be much shipping of fruit from the point as well as from the reservation the outlook is a bright one-The Yakima Herald, Oct. 28, 1908.