

Phelps and Wadleigh Seek New Range

Mr. Ed E.D. Phelps of the firm of Phelps and Wadleigh, who has just returned from the Okanogan country, made us a pleasant call on Thursday and during the conversation informed us that he had moved their large band of cattle to that country up near the British line where he has found good range though limited in extent. The Yakima range had become too small for so large a band and he found it necessary to look for new pastures. He expects in a short time to be able to furnish their establishments at Seattle and Victoria with what large beef steers they may require.

--Mountaineer, July 17, 1875

We received a call from Mr. E.D. Phelps...He has just come down from the Okanogan country and says that the winter up there was more severe on cattle than in this section of country and that they met with rather a heavy loss in that line. Their first band of large steers will come down to their ranch on the Yakima this fall where they will be fed by Mr. Phelps until spring, when they will be shipped to furnish their market at Seattle.

--Mountaineer, June 17, 1876

Cattle to Portland 1876

J.H. Marshbanks started on Thursday for Potland over the mountains with a band of 250 head of cattle.

--The Mountaineer, June 24, 1876

Cattle on Boats 1876

Last Saturday a band of fine beeves went down the river being the first which have been shipped since the flood of the Columbia. They were owned by Mr. Schott and Charles Schutz. One steer weighed 2,108 pounds on foot. They came from Rock creek and we are informed that there is plenty more of the same sort left in that locality.

--Oregon Weekly Tribune(The Dalles) July 22, 1876

Last Sunday Jackson & Michelbach of this city shipped to Kinney & Co. of Astoria 164 beef cattle...the beeves are being slaughtered at Astoria and placed in cans for export at the Astorian cannery.

--Oregon Weekly Tribune, Oct. 7, 1876

Since the 28th of last month 402 head of beef cattle were shipped from the Dalles to Astoria, the prices paid ranging from \$3 to \$3.50 per CWT...During the past 10 months 60,000 head of cattle have been driven from Eastern Oregon to the different beef markets of the Pacific coast.

--Oregon Weekly Tribune, Dec. 9, 1876

Cattle to Chicago 1876

Four hundred head of cattle from Oregon and Washington territory were sold in Chicago on the 21st of last month and brought \$3 per 100 lbs.

--Oregon Weekly Tribune
(The Dalles) Oct. 14, 1876

Cattle Lost on Boat

Last Wednesday morning early this splendid steamer (the Daisy Ainsworth) left The Dalles for the Cascades , having on board 204 head of fat cattle belonging to Dr. Kinney of Astoria. In endeavoring to effect a landing, Mr. Speller the pilot ventured too near a sunken reef of rocks at the Cascades and struck about midship...42 head of cattle were lost; the balance swam ashore. The boat is a total wreck and loss except the machinery.

--Oregon Weekly Tribune(The Dalles)Nov.25, 1876

The saved lot of cattle from the wreck of the Daisy Ainsworth reached Astoria on the 24th ult. 75 head short of the count which left The Dalles.

--Tribune, Dec. 9, 1876

Phelps & Wadleigh

We have reliable information from Yakima to the effect that within the past 10 days Messrs. Phelps & Wadleigh of that ^{county} ~~company~~ have purchased a number of large bands of cattle aggregating about 2,000 head...

--Oregon Weekly Tribune (The Dalles) Dec. 27, 1876

Barlow's Road 1876

...We are informed that about 1,200 head of beef cattle passed through Barlow's gate during the season.

--Oregon Weekly Tribune, Dec. 30, 1876

Cattle in Walla Walla 1877

THAT AIN'T WHAT THEY ARE FOR-- Several of our citizens seem to labor under the impression that the sidewalks are first-class cow corrals; leastwise a number of them allow the milk producers to feed, sleep and occupy the sidewalks at night to the annoyance, disgust and danger of...pedestrians...

--Walla Walla Union, Jan. 27, 1877

There are some most active cows and young cattle in the town. They can climb into the tail end of a farmer's wagon and eat all the hay and straw he has put in to keep his feet warm, while he is taking a drink. Sell them to a by gymnastic troupe.

--Union, Jan. 27, 1877

Eastern Drives 1877

Mr. Lang, who was here last summer buying cattle to drive East, is here again buying all the cattle he can get. He is also buying horses, principally cayuse ponies.

--Walla Walla Union, Jan. 27, 1877

GOT ENOUGH--Mr. Lang, who has been buying cattle in this vicinity for some time, took a trip up to ^{the} Mt. Idaho country and succeeded in purchasing all the cattle he requires. He struck a bonanza there, as no cattle-buyers had been up there for several years. The cattle will be driven East as soon as the weather will permit.

--Union, Feb. 10, 1877

(FROM the Lewiston Teller Apr. 7)

Mr. Lang on Thursday attempted to swim about 800 head of cattle across Snake River opposite the mouth of Tenmany Hollow. In the attempt several were drowned, and it was abandoned.

--Union, April 14, 1877

LARGE DROVE OF CATTLE--The Boise Statesman says:

Messrs. Lang & Ryan crossed Snake River a few days ago at Keeney's Ferry and came up the Boise Valley to Fouché's Ferry on Boise River, where they crossed with 8,300 head of beef cattle--steers ranging from 2 to 5 years old--which they drove up Indian Creek to the Overland Road, where they are now encamped. The cattle were bought in the Walla Walla valley and will be driven to Nebraska, where, after selling a portion of the herd, the remainder will be stall-fed for the Chicago and other Eastern markets.

-- Union, June 9, 1877

Durhams Brought In

The Dalles Mountaineer of the 17th inst. says:

J. B. Huntington, Esq., arrived in town on Tuesday evening enroute for his ranch (on the Yakima) with a band of 13 head of short-horn Durham cattle, from the lot lately imported by from Liberty, Iowa, by Hon. Marshal B. Blinn of Olympia...

--Walla Walla Union, Feb. 24, 17 1877

Columbia ~~Sum~~ Beef Canning.

Ten Thousand head of cattle will be canned at the Columbia fisheries for the Eastern and foreign markets...

--Oregon Weekly Tribune (The Dalles) April 28, 1877

Stock from Willamette 1877

For some days past young stock from the Willamette valley has been arriving at the wharf on almost every steamer. A band of 400 calves ...came up at one time. They were in thin condition but the bunch grass of Wasco will recuperate them...

--Oregon Weekly Tribune (The Dalles) March 3, 1877

...Another large band of calves--some so thin and weak they could hardly travel--came up from the Willamette valley last Wednesday and are now recuperating on the bunchgrass of Wasco. This is becoming quite a business.

--Oregon Weekly Tribune, March 17, 1877

The Stock Industry

We learn from the Record that Mr. J.P. Sharp of Kittitas valley is offering 200 head of cattle for \$1,500, he having run out of feed.

-- Times, Jan. 26, 1881

It is reported, according to the Record, that 200 head of cattle went into a place near the lower Yakima for shelter and the snow came and blocked them in and they died of starvation.

-- The Times (The Dalles) Jan. 26, 1881

(from steamboatman)... the piles of hides - no doubt all that remains of 'last year's' cattle. Hides are to be seen in plenteous numbers all along the river, willow trees and upturned roots being extravagantly ornamented with them...

--Times, March 23, 1881

The stock business as yet is one of our leading industries. During the past 4 months not less than 4,000 head of livestock of every description have been driven over the mountains to the Sound markets. Among the latest to send an invoice over is Mr. Geddis, who on Monday last started a band of 200 head for Seattle.

-- Kittitas Standard reprinted in
The Dalles Times-Mountaineer, Nov.22,1884

Rosenbaum, Myer & Co., cattle dealers of Chicago, have recently bought 6,000 head of cattle in the Yakima and White Bluffs ranges, which will be taken to Nebraska.

-- The Dalles Times-Mountaineer, April 18, 1885

Cattle Drives
(plus Indian scare)

Mr. George Smith, the veteran cattle driver, arrived here on Saturday from the Yakima with 206 head of cattle for Messrs. Forst and Borst... Just before he left an advance guard from a party of Eastern immigrants, at present encamped near Boise City, Idaho, and including 52 families, arrived in the valley. They came for the purpose of ascertaining reliable information regarding the rumored Indian troubles, as they had deemed it prudent not to bring their train into the valley if any serious troubles were apprehended...

-- Weekly Pac. Tribune (Seattle) Sept. 18, 1878

The cattlemen are gathering their stock from the Columbia river plains and find them generally in good condition after a severe winter's close picking under sage and snow. The eastern buyers will curtail the market over 30,000 head and very materially advance the prices-- probably $1/3$ above last year's quotations.

-- Weekly Pacific Tribune (a letter ~~mk~~ rec'd) Apr. 3, 1878

Last evening Mr. W.H. Crockett arrived here from Yakima with 516 head of fine beef cattle for Messrs. Phelps & Wadleigh. This is one of the largest bands of cattle that ever crossed the Snoqualmie pass. Mr. Crockett reports the following parties on the way over with cattle for this market. Mr. McNaught with 225 head. Thomas Haley with 40 head. John Stewart with 30 head and a Snohomish butcher with 30 head more. The roads are now in a wretched condition and snow will soon obstruct the pass. The bands now on the way over will be the last to cross this season.

-- Weekly Pacific Tribune, Oct. 17, 1878

Cattle Industry

Once again calamity has overtaken the fair land east of the mountains. The Port. Standard of Sat. says that the whole country about The Dalles, Klickitat county, Goldendale and vicinity is covered with from 3-4 feet of snow and that cattle and sheep are dying by the hundreds and thousands. A gentleman, it states, who came through Friday evening says that cattle were dying in the streets of The Dalles from starvation while out on the praries it is even worse. It was but a few years ago that a similar storm swept over that country and destroyed the flocks and herds in vast numbers and it is upon them again.

-- Weekly Pac. Tribune (Seattle) Feb. 23, 1879

A correspondent writes from The Dalles that the memory of the oldest inhabitant runs not back to the time when this section of the country was visited with a like snow storm as is now upon us which commened on Mon. night the 10th inst. and at this writing is over 24 inches in depth... ~~A~~ sheds, awnings and several warerooms have fallen in... Stockmen are very gloomy... Now in the Klickitat valley is over 3 feet deep and a large portion of the seattlers are immigrants with poor stock & no feed...

-- Weekly Pac. Tribune (Seattle), Mardh 2, 1879