

## Valley Cities

### :Pasco

Pasco is vilely slandered by the Portland Mercury, evidently through jealousy of its rapid growth. It contains an account of a Dutchman who said he went to Pasco to keep his eye on it and found a city of tents, but a Siwash came along and stole the city hall to make a pair of pants, which so disgusted him that he left--Yakima Herald, December 18, 1889.

Col. Muncy of the Headlight gives the following as the origin of the phrase, "Keep Your Eye on Pasco." A drunken man had a grudge against the editor of the Pasco Headlight. He abused him roundly, threatened him with everything evil and wound up by saying "I Will Keep My Eye on You." The editor endured with the patient Christian fortitude characteristic of his craft and then replied:

"Don't keep your eye on me. Keep your eye on Pasco."

The boys about town took it up. They joshed the drunken man summarily and hurled the, to him, obnoxious phrase at him hundreds of times. The phrase took, became the town by word, got into the papers by advertisement and paragraph and went around the world and now everybody "Keeps Their Eye on Pasco--" Yakima Herald, December 26, 1889.

## Pasco

The people of Pasco refused by vote the privilege of incorporating as a town. Several reasons are assigned but probably the most potent one was the expense attached thereto-Yakima Herald, June 5, 1890.

## Pasco

Pasco has been incorporated and her first mayor is Captain W.P. Gray. The councilmen are J.W. O'Keefe, F.P. Sneek, Robert Gerry, James Waters and J.D. McCarthy--Yakima Herald, March 19, 1891.

## Pasco

The Gate City in Hard Luck. Franklin county, and Pasco, its seat of government, do not seem to be flourishing at present.

Their representative before the state board of equalization stated that the land was poor and that the county has a population of but 125.

Added to this Col. Muncy of the Headlight, and one of Pasco's most active boomers, has not been seen since early in July and knowledge of his whereabouts is anxiously awaited as there is a cloud upon some of the property sold by him.

Villard's prediction of the great city to spring up at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers does not seem to be in any immediate danger of being fulfilled--Yakima Herald, October 15, 1891.

## Pasco

Another effort is being made to boom Pasco.

The Pasco Land Company of which L.C. Frey is president and manager has made application to increase its capital stock to \$1,000,000 and then plans contemplate irrigation and internal improvements.

H.M. McCartney, the vice president of the company, has obtained a franchise for water works, the construction of which is to begin within 60 days and be completed within a year. -- Yakima Herald, May 18, 1893.

Pasco  
Franklin  
Benton county

Edward Yorke of Franklin county--Over in our county there has been a wonderful development in the last year. Over 1,000 homesteads were filed on during the year and thousands of acres of railroad land were sold. All the land is suitable for raising wheat and next year we expect to surprise the rest of the state in the production of this cereal. Pasco is now growing in a permanent way and I look for considerable building down there during the summer.

I have enjoyed my visit to North Yakima in attending the assessors' convention and think you have a wonderful thriving little city....Yakima Herald, Feb. 2, 1902.

Pasco, April 21, 1909- Fire completely destroyed the Windsor hotel on Fourth street Friday.

The Windsor hotel was one of the oldest structures of its kind in the Columbia river basin. Before the erection of the Kennewick hotel in Kennewick and the Villard in ~~Kennewick~~ Pasco it was the best hotel between Ritzville and North Yakima. The loss was \$15,000.

pasco

The new railroad town of Pasco, Franklin county, is neatly and systematically laid out as if for permanance.

The streets are 80 feet wide and there is the full complement of alleys. On each side of the main railroad track the

200 feet for side tracks etc. Station

in those at Wallula are being constructed.

building has been removed to Pasco

and to a much finer structure with verandah  
tenances. It will be three stories high

d.--The Washington Farmer, Feb. 7, 1885.

Osborn, Idaho.

8-1-85

Received on the railroad for that occasion.

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on Pasco, is said to have made half a million dollars in the

Col. F. M. Munck, the inventor of the express, "keep it in mind"

## Pasco

A destructive fire occurred at Pasco last Sunday morning about half past three o'clock.

It was first discovered on the front part of John Schafer's saloon by the wife of Mr. John F. Buchman whose residence adjoin Schafer's building. In less than an hour's time five buildings had been consumed including Schafer's saloon and Buchanan's barber shop, Toles & Co's Dry goods and grocery store, McIntire's hotel, Mrs. Davage's residence and Mr. Buchanan's residence building. Three of the buildings named belonged to Mr. Schafer and one to Martin Conners.. The Yakima Signal, August 2, 1885. Vol III No. 34.

## Pasco

Jno. Schaffer is up to improve his North Yakima property.

He has moved three of his Ainsworth buildings to Pasco Junction.

The last one was 22 x 46 feet and was placed on two flat cars. As it passed the freight warehouse it was necessary to tip it up on one side so it would clear the platform.

Liquors were sold right along while in transit.

Mr. Lynch from Yakima will sink the well for the railway tank at Pasco and citizens may be supplied with water therefrom if they will lay pipes to their houses. Judge Lay still remains at Ainsworth hoping that too when the government locks at The Dalles and Cascades are in operation, a city will grow up at the confluence of the two great arms of the Columbia--Yakima Washington Farmer, Feb. 14, 1885.

## Kennewick-Pasco

Kennewick, June 19, 1909- The twincities, Kennewick and Pasco are campaigning for a new bridge on the Columbia.

The Twin City Board of Trade will be organized by the two towns and when the next legislature meets, an appropriation will be asked.

The new bridge will be on the line of the state road scheduled to run across the state, crossing the Columbia at this point where the state roads from Seattle and Vancouver will join leading on through Walla Walla and to Spokane.

A publicity bureau will be organized to secure the influence of every automobile club in the Puget Sound Inland Empire to seek the cooperation of every commercial body in the territory in towns along the Columbia river.

## Miscellany

The Pasco brass band will celebrate the Fourth of July with an excursion on the steamer, Frederick K. Billings from Pasco to Priest Rapids and return. Half fare rates to and from Pasco will be given on the railroad for that occasion. 6-19-93

## Miscellany

Col. L.N. Muncy, the inventor of the expression, "Keep Your Eyes on Pasco," is said to have made half a million dollars in the past nine months by investment of \$100 in prospect holes near Osborn, Idaho. 9-1-92

A. Howard has been appointed postmaster at Goldendale vice John W.

Snover resigned. *Herald, April 25-1889*