

Frontier Index

Still on the Move— That spicy and vigorous sheet, the "Frontier Index," continues to move westward. "The press on wheels", as it is called, will be at Green River City at an early date, when it will be issued daily.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, Aug. 14, 1868

Yakima Record

The Portland Bee says Mr. R.V. Chadd of Yakima, W.T., will start the Yakima Record on the 1st of September next. Mr. Chadd arrived in that city by last Monday's boat from The Dalles, left his order for a complete newspaper and job printing office, which was made up and shipped to its destination on Tuesday morning...

--Puget Sound Courier (Olympia) Aug. 8, 1879

Yakima Record

R.V. Chadd has commenced the publication of a weekly paper at Yakima City, W.T. It will be called the Record...

--Portland Oregonian, Sept. 15, 1879

A Yakima valley newspaper of the exceedingly early vintage is the Kittitas Wau-Wau of July 4, 1879, a copy of which is in possession of Volney Taft.

The copy is Vol 1 No. 1 and whether there were later numbers Mr. Taft doesn't remember. At any rate its publishers only undertake to get it out semi-occasionally.

The occasion of the first number was secondarily, the Fourth of July and primarily the exploitation of the stock carried by the grocery store of A.A. Bell & Company, proprietor of the little five by 10 inch sheet and its only advertisers.

The Declaration of Independence is used very cleverly editorially to convince the population of Ellensburg, then Yakima county, according to the date line, that it should indulge in home trade and not patronize the stores at The Dalles.

It was made evident also that there were no location option controversy in these days, the bottled beer and cold lager on draught being much talked of.

"We hold these truths to be self evident," says the Wau-Wau "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, a good lunch, accompanied by a refreshing glass of beer and a good cigar" and that the Stockade grocery was established at Ellensburg to permit the pursuit of happiness along just these lines.

The local column beginning "Erin Go Unum; E Pluribus Bragh" contains various items of interest as well as praise for Hess' lager beer and of Humboldt Packwood, who "as a bar-creature is a success," and who serves a jam-up cocktail with a lemon in it."

For instance Smith Bros. cut 1500 tons of hay at Ellensburg thirty-two years ago. It was just before the days of the safe and sane Forth and fire crackers were sold at the Stockade grocery. Moreover there were picnics up and down the valley and a basket party at Shoudy's hall, a dance and fireworks at the Post.

Business was hustling and the city looked forward to a great future as is evident from these paragraphs:

"Messrs Sharp and Sprague are now erecting a building for the general merchandise establishment of Plock & Blumauer.

Mr. Hewett has moved into his new and elegant saloon and is prepared to greet the boys in his usual happy style.

Carpenters are all busy. The sound of the hammer indicates prosperity of Ellensburg. "It is 'wake siyah," the capital of the territory.

Walter A. Bull, the irresistible freighter has arrived with goods for Shoudy & Stewart.

A turning lathe and furniture factory will be established in Ellensburg, providing the necessary water privilege can be secured.

Interspersed between these items is news concerning "mottoe" candy, conversation candy, prize candy packages, choice French candy as well as tobacco, cigars and aforementioned lager.

The Wau-Wau makes fun of a sign at The Palles in which spelling is fearful and wonderful. As the little paper itself shows practically no typographical errors it is in a position to joke.

The sign reads: John Smith, teacher of cowtillions and other dances--grammar taught in the neatest manner--fresh salt herring on draft--likewise Riley's root beer--rute sausage and other garden truck. N.B. A bawl on Friday night,--prayermeeting and also salme singing by the quire-Yak. Herald Jan 11-1911