EASTERN OREGON.

Mention of Our Surrounding Counties-A Region Rich in Resources, Just Begin-ning to Be Developed-The Variety-Ali Around Us.

"Eastern Oregon"-that portion of the State east of the Cascade mountains, is as large as New York State, with several New England States "thrown in," as large as Pennsylvania, with New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland added. Until comparatively recent years, most of it was considered a desert region, worthless and uninhabitable; but by degrees the agreeable discovery has been made that it was very valuable not only as a stock range and for its mineral wealth, but large areas for purposes of agriculture also.

All the counties of Eastern Oregon have considerable areas of rich agricultural soil, especially Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, and Wasco. Union and Wallowa have also large and beautiful valleys of great richness. Baker, Malheur, Grant, Klamath, Lake, and Crook counties, and portions of Wasco, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilia, Union, and Wallowa, are more valuable for stock-raising; while Union, Wallowa, Baker and Grant have great mineral resources.

The whole region is an upland plain,

upon the somewhat broken surface of which appear, in several places, espe-cially toward the Northeastern portion, ranges of wooded mountains. The aver-age elevation in Umatilla, Morrow, Gil-liam, and Wasco counties is but a little over 1000 feet, but further south it in-creases to over 3000 in some places. The winters are quite severe, though the se-verity is of short duration, and the sum-

mers are long and generally dry.

Morrow county is situated next west of
Umatilla, of which until 1885 it was a part, and partakes of the same general characteristics. Through its central por-tion, from east to west, is a large body of rich agricultural land, and its southern portion is valuable for grazing purposes and for timber.

morrow is about 50 miles in length from north to south, and 30 miles broad, being bounded on the north by the Columbia river, and on the south by Grant county. It is watered by a number of streams, the principal one of which is Willow creek. Its county said and principal or the south principal one of which is willow creek. willow creek. Its county seat and principal town is Heppner, a rapidly growing and wealthy little city, of which further mention is made elsewhere. Lexington, the next town of importance, is also situated on Willow creek and on the railroad, seven miles below Heppner.

Gilliam county is situated directly west of Morrow, and is much the same sort of country as a whole. Its principal town

country as a whole. Its principal town is Arlington, situated on the Columbia river and on the railroad, Condon and Fossil are interior towns. The county seat is located temporarily at Arlington, its permanent location to be decided at the election to occur in 1890.

Wasco county lies west of Gilliam, along the Columbia river, and extending along the Columbia river, and extending to the Cascale mountains. It is rich in agricultural resources, and in stock and timber. The principal town, and the county seat, and at present the largest town of Eastern Oregon, is The Dalles.

South of Wasco lies Crook, the most central county in the State, chiefly devoted to stock-raising. The county seat and chief town is Prineville.

South of Crook and extending to the California line, are Klamath and Lake counties, a very large area, but little settled.

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East of these and extending from Nevada on the south, to Umatilla county on the north, lies Grant county, 200 miles in length, by 80 on an average in width, 16,000 square miles, rich in grazing lands and mines, and possessing some agricultural land lits county seat and chief town is Canyon City. Other towns are Burns, John Day, Long Creek, and Drewsy.

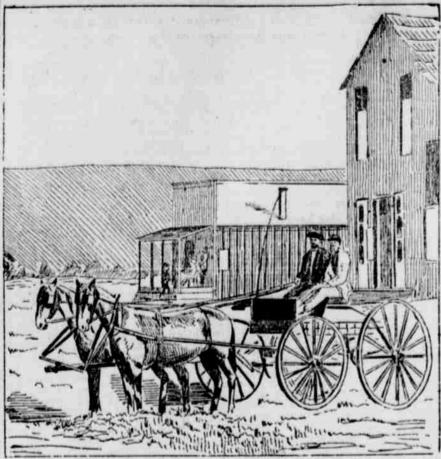
East of Grant and extending to the Idaho line on the east lie Baker and Malheur counties, possessing much the same general characteristics as Grant. Baker City is the chief town and county seat of Baker county, and is a wealthy, rapidly growing place of about 3,500 inhabitants. The county seat of Malheur county is Vale.

North of Baker, and between it and Umatilla on the north, and Idaho on the east, lie Union and Wallowa counties, Wallowa being in the northeastern corner of the State. Though much of the surface of these counties is mountainous, they have great undeveloped resources in agricultural and mineral wealth. Union county contains the celebrated Grand Ronde valley, one of the most beautiful regions in the world, and very fertile, beside other large "spots" of great fertility and beauty. The principal towns of Union county are LaGrande, population 2500. Union population 2000: The Cove, Island City, and Sommerville. Union is the county seat. It and LaGrande are both on the line of a transcontinental railroad. The county seat of Wallowa county is Enterprise; the other principal town is weeph.

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It is reported that Lieut, Chas. Scofield, at present post adjutant at Fort Walla Walla will shortly leave for Washington to assume a position on the staff of his brother, Maj-Gen. Scofield, commander of the army.



TWENTY YEARS AGO.

How Pendleton Looked and What it Con-sisted of in 1869-Pioneer Reminis-cences.

The above cut is taken from a photograph of Pendleton taken in 1869, and may be found interesting as a contrast to the Pendleton of 1889.

to the Pendleton of 1889.

The two-story building stood where Falck & Cohen's store now is. It was built by S. L. Morse, and was then occupied by Lot Livermore. "Of the men who worked on that building," writes Mr. Robert Bruce, who sent us the photograph, "I think of only three to-day, S. L. Morse, James Lehman, and Van Shull." The little one-story store on the southwest corner of Main and Court streets, where Milarkey's building now stands, was built by J. S. White, now deceased, and occupied by his son Millard, who was the second postmaster of Pendleton, the postoffice occupying a corner 4x6 in size in the store.

"The only living residents of Pendle-

"The only living residents of Pendleton," writes Mr. Bruce, "beside those above mentioned, who were there when this picture was taken, are Grandma Townsend, the grandmother of Pendleton Classics." ton, Clarence Townsend and Jim Jacobs. I could name the late G. W. Bailey and wife, and the widow of G. I. LaDow, but they then lived on farms. W. C. Mc-Kay and B. B. Bishop did not make Pendleton their homes until later. Bold J. H. Turner was running around Pen-dleton in 1870 growling for want of a house, and in twenty days he had the largest house in town. He stopped a wagon-train at Swift's Station, a mile be-low town, hitched the team on a house and hauled it up and placed it in position. and hauled it up and placed it in position. Then he put on a "boiled shirt" and began practising law. I think Dr. McKay or B. B. Bishop ought to write a book about the early days of Eastern Oregon, commencing about 1854. Then there is Mr. Fraker; he was there in 1855, and Col. Steward, Jim Daniels, and 'Lige Welch in '60 or '61. I camped on the old emigrant crossing of the Umatilla in '62, on, I believe, the site of the first house in on, I believe, the site of the first house in Pendleton, a log cabin, not Mrs. Good-

"The first physician in Pendleton was named Miller, the first shoemaker a man named Lennox, the first blacksmith man named Kennedy, the first tcher shop was kept by a man named The first brick building was Hastings. erected by Moses Goodwin, of brick burned on ground owned at present by Sam Sturgis. When they were tearing down the old Pendleton; hotel property, one of these bricks ought to have been preserved."

Sure enough, all the Pendleton there was twenty years ago was four or six buildings, with a two-horse team in front; a few carreering cowboys occasion-ally whooping through; the travel-stained and weary emigrants camping on the banks of the Umatilla on their way to "Oregon"—and all around the unin-habited, and suppossed to be uninhabited, and supposed-to-be uninhabita-

ble plain.

What will the Pendleton of twenty years hence be? The contrast between now and then may be as great as be-tween twenty years ago and now. Whether it shall be so depends upon the people who are in Pendleton to-day.

Mr. S. L. Morse, referred to in Mr. Bruce's letter, is still a prominent citizen of Pendleton, and has seen the town grow of Pendleton, and has seen the town grow from its very beginning. Mr. Morse is a son of "Grandma Townsend," alluded to by Mr. Bruce, and a brother of Mrs. A. M. Raley, who was then Mrs. Goodwin, the original owner of the townsite, and who owned the first building erected within the present town limits. Mr. Morse corrects Mr. Bruce in some partic-ulars, and adds other particulars of inter-est, as follows:

The two buildings shown in the cut were not the only ones in Pendleton in 1869, there being one where the new Pen-leton hotel stands, and two or three shanties between that and Blum's cor-

shantes between that and brum's corner; also a little building where the Villard House is, used as a saloou.

Another man who worked on the
building shown in the picture was Frank
Coats, now of Portland. He and Mr.
Morse built and did business in the first blacksmith and wagon shop, in the rear of Falck & Cohen,s store, and they sold

out to Kennedy.

Jim Daniels and Gus Hill, the latter now deceased, lived down the river, Mr. Daniels where he still lives. Mr. Fraker, Mr. Morse thinks, was not here then, and Mr. Welch did not come till 1866, when he settled on the place still occu-

pied by him.

Mr. Morse burned the brick for the little brick building lately torn down, on the ground now occupied as a residence block by Mrs. G. W. Bailey. Mr. Bailey, who had kept the Swift's Station hotel,

moved up to "Pendleton" in 1868, and it

moved up to "Pendleton" in 1808, and it was largely through his efforts that the townsite was located where it was.

John Wilson, called "Big John," was also here then, but was a single man. He still lives, or did recently, in the county. Johnathan Swift, who kept the old station, lives at or near Forest Grove, Washington county.

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A man named Spears, who had an Indian woman for a wife, lived on the place where Jim Jacobs now lives. Abe Wilson, now living near Pilot Rock, was here about that time. Col. Stewart lived on the place still owned by him till lately, near Pilot Rock. Mr. Morse thinks the wagon shown in the cut was his, as Mr. Stewart was the only person in the country who boasted of a spring wagon. The two men, or boys, in the wagon, were Harl Stewart, now of Pilot Rock, and his brother, since deceased. Rock, and his brother, since deceased.

ABOUT TACOMA.

B. E. Hervey Writes One of His Characteristic, Brief, but Interesting Letters. TACOMA, W. T., Dec. 28, 1888.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian. This week clear and cold.

No smallpox in this city. About 1000 new houses are now under

construction here. The new warehouse is 514 feet by 112

feet wide, and four stories high. It has 1500 piles drove in under it.

It looks like business to see from 30 to 40 steamboats and ships here at once. I was shown one block on the hillside Seattle covered with houses that is

of Seattle covered with houses that is sliding down.

The freight agent says over 200 cars of Eastern Oregon and Washington wheat is now in the yards.

Reith Bros., of Pendleton, own 12 lots here, which cost them \$6000 about one year ago. They are now worth \$22,000.

The M. E. Church is building a \$6000 about presents and will except a \$45.00 cheeper. parsonage, and will erect a \$45,000 church in the spring ou the corner of Eighth and

The city of Puyallup is located in a nice, rich valley, nine miles east of this city. It has a population of 1000 and electric lights and city waterworks, and will soon be connected to this city by street car line. Many of our business men go and buy lots at from \$100 to \$600 each for

Immigrants are coming in by the wholesale, and it is said that over \$2,500,000 of enstern money now lies in our banks to be invested here.

We want more sawmills. Lumber is as high here as in Pendleton.

Plenty of deer meat is for sale here.
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I am building two large two-story houses to rent.

Good plumbers get \$4 per day, and are crowded with work. Two lots on Pacific avenue sold last

week for \$50,000. Improvements are worth about \$1000. About \$50,000 real estate sells each day. Sales from January 1, 1888, to date, \$8,-

679,301.

When I have the time, I will write a B. E. HERVEY.

Stage Accident.

The stage that left The Dalles last Monday for Prineville, met with an accident in going up the Deschutes hill from Sherar's bridge. The driver, Mr. Hamilton, was walking abead of the team and Mr. Evans, a passenger, was driving, when he perceived that a young horse in the team had loosed himself from the bridle and become fractious, and the stage was in danger in going down the steep declivity. He called to the passengers to jump, and all except a Chinaman escaped with but slight injuries. He rolled down the hill with the wag in, and was found in an unconscious condition, badly bruised about the head. He afterwards died and was buried at The Dalles. The stage was a total wreck and the horses were severely injured.

A vote has been taken by a Deadwood, Dak. paper on the question of single or double statehood, and it is shown that a little more than five-sizths of those answering are in favor of division and admission as two states. The answers received are from various parts of southern Dakota, and those voting are of all occupations and political faiths. This vote is believed to be a fair representation of public opinion on the matter, which daily grows stronger. It is generally believed that division and admission are simply a question of time, and while waiting the outcome with considerable anxiety, the people have already begun to look after the prizes to be secured when two new states are admitted. A vote has been taken by a Deadwood.

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