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CASCADE LOCKS

Reliable Information About the Public Works and the Town's

DIVERSIFIED INTERESTS

A COMMUNITY THAT HAS GROWN AND PROSPERED DURING

YEARS OF DEPRESSION

The Natural Trading Center, the Fisherman's Mecca, and a

FERTILE AGRICULTURAL REGION

A Point Always Destined to Attract the Sight-Seeer, the Pleasure Hunter,

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Come to Some of the Picnics Here and Behold the Natural Picturesque Marvels, and a Colossal Masterpiece of

SKILLFUL CIVIL ENGINEERING

Mention of the Town's Important Institutions and its Public-Spirited Citizens.

Good news burns to be told, and the town of Cascade Locks has a message of hope and cheer that thousands will eagerly read; for here the torch of progress has burned brightly all through the years of depression that have been so fatal to the nation's prosperity. Its happy fate during these disastrous times is due mainly to the steady impetus of capital from the government works; but it is pertinent right now to attempt to dispel the too general delusion that it is wholly dependent on the public works for its commercial hopes and maintenance, for this is the natural trade center of all contiguous country, both in Oregon and Washington, where the hand of the husbandman and the woodman are performing magic feats in maturing illimitable latent resources. Revenue from this source handsomely supplements that from the public works, and both sources of income are in turn splendidly reinforced by the tribute from the fish industry. Considered from another point of view, the town will always be an object of curiosity and interest to travelers from abroad, magnetized here by the masterpiece of civil engineering and the majestic displays of nature environing.

Cascade Locks, on the Columbia river and the O. R. & N. R. R., is forty-five miles east of Portland and forty-three miles west of The Dalles, the judicial seat, and is thus linked to the markets of the world by the competitive routes of rail and river. The U. S. government has within fifteen years appropriated approximately \$4,000,000 to construct locks at this point to facilitate navigation of the Columbia, and \$1,500,000 will be necessary to complete the work. This gigantic undertaking is now rapidly approaching completion, and in all probability within a twelve-month boats will pass through the locks, and water traffic be unimpeded from The Dalles to the sea, nearly 200 miles distant. In addition to these up-river points, Portland and Astoria will magnificently profit by the completion of the locks, and indirectly it will lead to the maturity and enrichment of the entire Pacific Northwest; materially aiding in opening and peopling a rich region 600 miles square, embracing 250,000,000 acres of agricultural, grazing and timber lands, thus making it a matter of national importance. Explanation of the above is found in the fact that upon the completion of the locks the government purposes building a boat railway at The Dalles, thereby making the entire length of the Columbia and Snake rivers navigable for grain-bearing steamboats from Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The canal being built by the government here is some 3,000 feet long, and in fact a few respects is one of the noblest pieces of works of its character ever essayed. It has the largest guard gates in the world, and, to hint the immensity of the work up to date, some 15,000

yards of cut rock have been used, and some 5,000 yards more will be required to complete the work. The total number of men employed on the works fluctuates from 400 to 750. The average number of stone-cutters is fifty. The number of derricks in service are about half a hundred, great monsters of lifting power, and the wages paid this regiment of men range from 17½ to 50 cents per hour.

A measure is now before congress, recommended by the board of civil engineers, to raise the slopes at least six feet to obviate the overflow of the canal from extreme high water, and Lieut. Taylor, who has been in charge of the works for the government for nearly four years, is authority for the statement that if this be not done, and another flood occur equal to that of last year, the works will be very seriously injured, if not totally destroyed; and some six civil engineers here concur in the opinion of Lieut. Taylor.

But to turn from the government works to a glance at the town:

Cascade Locks is seated on the summit of the Cascade mountains. It has a population of 1,200, grown thus from 200 in 1892. It is blessed with most of the outgrowths of modern civilization. Its school is well the pride of the place. Has a scholarship of 111, and an able principal in Miss Ida Everhart, who finds a competent assistant in Miss Mildred Parkins.

Of secret and fraternal societies the town boasts the I. O. O. F., with a membership of 73, the K. of P., 70, the Woodmen, 30, the A. O. U. W., 66, the Good Templars, 55, the Orientals, 110, the Stone-Cutters Union, 80, the Knights of the Maccabees, 35, and the Elks, just recently instituted, 301.

Religion also has two sturdy representatives, the Methodists and the Catholics. Both have houses of worship, which contribute not a little to beautify the town. The Catholic church which was recently built, will be dedicated June 16th, and is presided over by Rev. Father Bronsgeest of The Dalles, who is most popular with all his parishioners. Of the M. E. church, it cost \$1,500, has a seating capacity of 200, and is elegantly equipped throughout. Its membership is 65, and its Sunday school 130. Every pew is filled at each service, and the magnanimous spirit of this people was illustrated by the generous contributions of those of all denominations and of no denomination, who handsomely contributed toward the expense of the structure. Rev. Wm. Hoskins has officiated here for years, and has the while become equally popular with all classes in this cosmopolitan community, the religious devotee and the saloonist alike being his friend, and he in turn, in a true christian spirit has only kind words for all. Mr. Hoskins, before entering upon the ministry, was for years a stone-cutter here, and hence has been in practical touch with the world. He is also noble grand of the I. O. O. F. This church will soon found a church at Stevenson, in Washington, where Mr. Hoskins will hold services every Sabbath at 3 p. m.

The Cascades Water Company, incorporated with a capital of \$1,500, has hydrants every 200 feet in the business portion of the town, 550 feet of hose, and a most efficient fire department, composed of representative business men, with T. W. Lewis a chief.

Cascade Locks also has a brass band, composed of thirteen leading citizens, with musical talent and skill rivaling some of the best bands. This band delightfully contributes toward the entertainment of picnic parties and other assemblies of amusement.

In a sentence, Cascade Locks is a miniature metropolis, that, as compared with other communities in this depression-ridden land, seems providentially rescued from the common fate of those where well-doing is now only a recollection and a dream. Dollars here are not held in the vice-like grip of pauperized hands; money comparatively flows freely, and success is attending all well-directed efforts in business. Inking of the importance of the Columbia river as a wealth-producer hereabouts is voiced in the fact that one firm in the town alone has paid as much as \$1,600 per week to fishermen for their catch, and thirty-five fish-wheels on the Columbia, within the reach of the town's trade, supply the major portion of fish to keep two canneries in full operation.

Among the enterprises needed here, investment in which would make profitable returns, are, a flouring mill, a wool mill, there being a 21-foot fall within a half mile of the town; a cold storage for fish and game is also needed. A cannery, a shoe factory, cigar factory, and a dentist would do well.

The country round about is the sportsman's paradise, grouse, pheasant, bear, cougar, etc., abounding, while the mountain streams are densely popu-

lated with trout. In fine, the myriad attractions of this section need only become known to make it the trying place of all outing parties for miles, far and near, up and down the river; and the public spirit of the citizens is being eloquently evidenced by their enhancement of nature's allurements. They have recently built a dancing platform for picnickers, and will at no distant time have a grove challenging comparison with the most inviting in the state. The town also has a public hall—Cates' hall—commodious and nicely appointed for dancing and pleasure parties.

The Oregon Telegraph & Telephone Company, office at D. L. Cates & Co.'s, puts the town in talking and ear-shot with 700 miles.

The vicinity is not wanting in legendary richness, an old Indian tradition affirming that in whilom days there was a great natural bridge spanning the river at this point, which was destroyed by a battle of stones between Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, and there seems some foundation in fact for the story of the bridge, as there is a great buttress on the Washington side, which bears evidence of being rent by a volcanic eruption. The soil hereabouts is also pregnant with the pottery of a pre-historic race—Indian arrows, skulls, etc., and in consequence antiquarians will find this vicinity of unusual interest for their investigation and study.

And now for mention of the enterprising citizens whom the writer has met:

The popular and efficient postmaster and station agent is E. B. Clark; six years a resident of the town, and for fifteen years permanently identified with railroading. C. C. Hobart, superintendent of the portage railroad, and has been since its inception; and a more uniformly obliging man for the trust could not be found.

The justices of peace are Richard Birne and Thos. H. Williams; while J. F. Trana is marshal and constable and Albert Fleishneier also constable.

Timothy Miller is the sole representative of Blackstone, Coke & Co., a young man who, during his two years residence here, has demonstrated himself nicely versed in legal lore, and who personifies integrity and is universally esteemed.

The representatives here of Esculapius are Drs. C. F. Candiana and J. B. Wood, the company's physician, both eminently skilled in their profession.

J. T. Beckstrum, the new shoemaker at the Locks is a veteran in experience.

D. L. CATES & CO., Gen'l Mdee., Drugs and Medicines, are by common consent recognized as the leading merchants of Cascade Locks, and their institution as in the forefront in giving the town character, both at home and abroad. This store represents the corner-stone of trade in this town, it being established here in 1880, the first in its line, and has since its birth been signally successful, ever increasing its trade and territory, and playing its powerful part towards the town's upbuilding and prosperity. Dr. H. A. Leavens, the father of trade here, is one of its proprietors, a man more prominently figuring in the history of this section than any of its permanent citizens. He was in ante-bellum days, the friend and companion of Phil Sheridan, who was located at the blockhouse, across the river from this place, in 1856. Although the Doctor has now attained a ripe old age, he is hale and hearty, of progressive ideas, and always in the van in measures of public enterprise.

Some two years since D. L. Cates became an associate in this business, and this infusion of young blood, together with his well-known energy, zeal and ability, gave a great impetus to its trade, and made him an invaluable addition, both to this private enterprise and to the community. Mr. Cates is as well and widely known as any young man in Wasco county, having admirably served as sheriff of the county in 1891 and '92, and immediately previous for two terms as deputy sheriff, and whether in public or private life, probity, uprightness and liberality have ever characterized his dealings. Indeed, the firm of Cates & Co. are thoroughly ingratiated in the good will and confidence of the public, and their institution is a credit to themselves and the community. This house enjoys a flattering commercial rating, and is a mercantile monument to trade, liberally and intelligently conducted.

BLACK & ASH

Is a firm name that is synonymous with success, and their enterprise is an energetic and forceful factor in contributing to the town's prosperity and in elevating it in the good opinion of the commercial world. This firm was established some three years since, and the store is headquarters for everything in the general mercantile line. Their patrons are authority for the fact that all articles of sale are invariably as represented, and that liberality and crystal integrity characterize the policy of the house. But the interests of this firm are diversified and far-reaching. They are agents of the Bridal Veil Mill Company, one of the mammoth lumber companies in the state, or on the Pacific coast. The senior member Mr. R. Black, is a sturdy business man of fine intellectual attainments, open and honest and zealous in promoting the town's permanent prosperity. Of the other member, E. P. Ash, he is a leading member of the Cascade Falls Fishing Co., an unflinching and splendid source of revenue to the community. In a word, Mr. Ash is prominently identified with every public enterprise here which is a credit to the community, and it is a

local proverb concerning him that no community holds a more popular and public-spirited citizen.

C. G. HICKOK
Is the proprietor of what is commonly known as the "Company Store," the depot of commissaries' supplies of every description, and an institution in the forefront of mercantile establishments in Cascade Locks. This enterprise has for some eighteen months been a vital agency in regulating the morals of trade and in contributing to the prosperity of the community. The vast and varied stock displayed in this store is bought in great bulk from first hands, and purchased for cash when the market is on the decline. In consequence of this, all goods are sold at the lowest possible margin of profit, and challenge comparison with all competitive houses. This is the favorite resort of the major portion of employees on the public works, all of whom are a unit in voicing a complimentary opinion of Mr. Hickok and his store.

THOS. W. BADDER,
The popular and prosperous proprietor of the Eureka Sample Rooms, has conducted this favorite retreat of amusement for eight years, and his good fellowship and fair dealings are attracting ever-increasing troops of patrons. In a word, he is preeminently qualified to entertain the public, and all can rest assured of the finest treatment at his house. These sample rooms are also headquarters for the Cascade brass band, which also holds forth in an adjoining room. Mr. Badder is also proprietor of the tansorial room in close proximity to his saloon. Mr. Badder is a prominent and public-spirited citizen, popular with all classes. Harry Gray is the popular young entertainer at this house, who has hosts of fast friends.

P. A. FINNEGAN

Conducts the leading exclusive dry goods establishment of Cascade Locks, which has, since its inception in February, 1894, been headquarters for everything needed here in the line of fancy and staple dry goods. It is proverbial of the house that all articles of sale are invariably as represented, and are sold at prices that as a rule are beyond the reach of successful competition. "Live and let live" as a motto of trade never found a more devoted devotee in commercial circles than is illustrated by the business policy of Mr. Finnegan, and the probity and liberality of his transactions have become a local proverb, and have made every customer and citizen his steadfast friend and well-wisher, who rejoice in his well-worn success. Nice and cleanly lodgings are also conducted by Mr. Finnegan at popular prices, and visitors to Cascade Locks will here be hospitably entertained by a genial and cultured gentleman.

J. E. SORBIN

Has for something over two years played a popular part in a mercantile capacity in Cascade Locks, the while ingratiating himself in the public regard and good will by his fair and square dealing and treating all classes uniformly alike. His stock is of a varied nature, embracing everything which is a staple or a luxury in the bakery, cigar, tobacco, confectionary or general produce line. Mr. Sorbin is also a commission merchant, and in every branch of his diversified enterprise he caters to connoisseurs to a nicety, and sells all his wares at a small, a-living margin of profit. But whether a sale be a nickel or aggregating many a dollar, the purchaser will be treated with equal politeness, for civility is native to his business policy, and Mr. Sorbin is withal a most public-spirited citizen. Mr. Sorbin also does all the fire insurance business of the town.

T. C. BENSON

The popular and successful proprietor of Cascade Locks' meat and produce market, has for six years played a prominent and stirring part in commercial circles here, and has so conducted business in the meantime, by a system of liberal and upright dealing, that he has firmly entrenched himself in the public esteem. His stock represents everything common to a meat and produce market—butter, eggs, all kinds of fresh and salt meats, vegetables and fruits, and most of the varied and toothsome eccentrics to be found in a metropolitan market. He also operates in addition a dairy, which is stocked with thirty cows of commendable breed, and which jointly produce fifty gallons of milk per day. In a word, Mr. Benson caters to the trade, and ever has, to its eminent satisfaction, and the while is materially extending his sphere of business and making every patron his friend. A public-spirited citizen, a useful member of society, all vote him a valuable citizen.

C. A. STEWART

Is one of the thorough-going business men of Cascade Locks, and is conducting one of the most successful mercantile establishments here. His store is headquarters for staple groceries, fishing tackle and fish supplies, poultry and game. Indeed, popular with all classes, this house is especially so with the fishermen up and down the Columbia river who trade at Cascade Locks. Mr. Stewart is also the favored owner of one of the most desirable homesteads in all this section, his place, a half mile east of the town proper, being in an advanced stage of cultivation and in the midst of the most majestic displays of nature. Mr. Stewart also represents about 100 acres of the choicest lands on the market in all this region, which prospective home or investment seekers will find it to their interest to confer with him about.

THE EL PASO SALOON—

Wm. Gourley, the popular young proprietor, has charmingly catered to the pleasure-loving public at this point since last September; and the uprightness and liberality of his dealing with the public and his good fellowship have made the El Paso one of the most popular retreats for amusement and pastime in all this section. But it is not alone

to his private interests that Mr. Gourley is wedded; for his public spirit is prodigious, and every deserving public undertaking enlists his heart and hand. John O'Leary is the popular entertainer and mixologist at the El Paso, and is contributing handsomely to the success of the enterprise. Visitors to the Locks can count on elegant treatment at this house.

DR. C. F. CANDIANA—DRUGGIST,

Conducts the exclusive drugstore in Cascade Locks, carrying in stock everything that the trade of all this section demand; all of which he sells at the lowest possible margin of profit. The Doctor is quite a pioneer here, having cast his fortune with this community some eight years since, and the writer has learned incidentally that Dr. Candiana enjoys the double distinction and honor of being armed with diplomas from no less celebrated institutions than the Royal University of Naples and the School of Medicine of Paris. He has been a practitioner for thirty years, is an erudite and polished gentleman and universally popular. The old citizens here recount many a brilliant feat of his in the various branches of his profession.

LEWIS & NELSON

Have since August, 1893, conducted one of the most popular refreshment resorts in Cascade Locks, and are recognized as in the van in all measures of public enterprise. Their saloon is headquarters for all drinkables, and a favorite retreat for the amusement-seeking public. The commercial rating of the firm is most complimentary, and the uniform courtesy, liberality and integrity of dealing of the individual members with the public has popularized this house far and near, and won for its individual members a firm place in the good will and confidence of all. T. W. Lewis, the senior member, is chief of the fire department, a foremost figure in secret and fraternal societies, and a zealous promoter of all public enterprises. He is a prominent member of the K. of P., the Orientals, the Elks, and president of the republican club. Of "Dog," Nelson, his partner—his friends are legion.

THE GEM RESTAURANT,

A 15-cent eating house, is a recently introduced enterprise in Cascade Locks; but how well it is appreciated on the part of the public is voiced by the large and growing patronage that is being bestowed upon it. A good meal is served at this popular price; a meal in truth that is substantial and toothsome, and the equal not infrequently of higher priced meals elsewhere. Courtous attention and cleanliness in all departments are not the least attractive features of the place. The popular proprietors are Hamilton & Cole, young men whose public spirit rivals their enterprise, which fact makes all rejoice over their merited success. Visitors to the Locks will do well to try one of the Gem's 15-cent meals.

ELECTRIC BARBER SHOP,

H. D. Parkins, proprietor, is popular with all this cosmopolitan population, by reason of his rare skill in all departments of his art, and by reason of his uniform courtesy, scrupulous care and politeness to patrons. His public enterprise is hinted by his establishment of a bath house in connection with his tonsorial establishment, where hot and cold baths may be had at reasonable prices. This is a two-chair shop, equipped with all fashionable facilities, and it is recommended to the patronage of the traveling public.

CAFE TORTONI,

E. M. Bergeron proprietor, nearest to the depot, is by common consent one of the most elite restaurants in Cascade Locks, and has maintained this position since its inception some six months since. The traveling public will find the cuisine here representing all that the market affords, and prepared with such rare delicacy and skill as French chefs can alone make it. Ready and polite attention on the part of all attendants characterizes the place, and cleanliness is recognized as a religion. The uniform courtesy and charming comradeship of Mr. Bergeron makes strangers and fellow-citizens alike his friends.

P. SHERINGER

Is the popular shoemaker at the Locks, and has maintained this role for two years and a half, during which time he has built up an extensive and far-reaching business by reason of his uniform courtesy, first-class workmanship, fair and square dealings and liberal prices.

THE GRANITE RESTAURANT,

J. H. Aldrich proprietor, has for some eighteen months been a favorite eating establishment, by reason of the fact that the edibles are of inviting variety, are temptingly prepared and courteously served. The popular proprietor was formerly the steward of the contractors here on the public works, and for many years he made catering to the public a study. Mr. Aldrich is also an old newspaper man, having been the guiding spirit of the Newport News. In political circles he has long played a prominent part, at present being secretary of the populist party club and member of its state central committee.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

J. H. McDonough proprietor, is deservedly a favorite with the public for manifold reasons. As a refreshment treat it is a prime favorite with all lovers of pastime, and a trying place for connoisseurs of fine wines, beer, liquors and cigars, either imported or domestic.

The house is also noted for having elegantly furnished rooms to rent by the day, week or month, and on most reasonable terms. Mr. McDonough is well and widely known in Wasco county, having been significantly interlarded with its history for ten years, and that during all this period crystal integrity marked his dealing, is evidenced by the position he holds in the commercial world and in the esteem of his fellow-citizens. A man of nice intelligence and rare business acumen, he is a leader of democracy hereabouts and a great admirer, owner and admitted authority on racing stock.

A. B. TOGIER

Of the Cascade Fishing Co. personally superintends two fish wheels nearest to the Locks. Has been for fourteen years on the Columbia fishing, and says he ought to catch this season 100,000 pounds of fish.

Rudolph Schmidt runs a fish-wheel in this vicinity. He caught forty tons last year. Has been here for three years, and six years on the Columbia.

J. F. ATWELL'S PRUNE ORCHARD,

Adjoining the town, is an especial object of interest. It embraces twenty acres in an advanced state of cultivation; has 1,500 finely bearing young trees, and this year promises a flattering yield. Apple, pear and plum trees also stud this orchard, and here is grown the garden vegetables for the community. One potato raised here last year weighed 5½ pounds. Mr. Atwell was born and bred in this place, his parents taking it as a donation in 1833.

THE ANTI-MONOPOLY

Restaurant, A. Weaver proprietor, is as its name implies, run strictly in the interests of the laboring classes. In short, "Live and let live" as a motto of trade was never more thoroughly exemplified than by Mr. Weaver's methods of business. He buys the best the market affords; prepares and serves it so as to tickle the most exacting palate, and invariably gives a plentiful supply. Another marked feature of this popular eating resort is cleanliness and attractive surroundings. Indeed, this restaurant is meeting with the splendid success it deserves, and all are well-wishers of Mr. Weaver.

Among those identified with the public works in responsible capacities, whose acquaintance I have formed, are:

Wm. Morris, a young civil engineer, conspicuously and inseparably interlarded with the history of the government works.

H. D. Bush, civil engineer in charge of the gates, popular and skilled, who was, previous to coming here, engineer and superintendent for contractors on riveted steel pipe—24 miles long—for Bull Run pipe line in Portland.

E. M. Aldrich, the master mechanic, has for about two years occupied this trustworthy post, and has the while demonstrated his pre-eminent aptitude for his multifarious duties, and is alike popular with the contractors and those under his jurisdiction.

J. A. McDonald, foreman of the stone-cutters, by reason of his historical connection with his branch of the work, is deserving of most honorable mention, as he has inaugurated this work here, and has achieved great triumphs for himself and for the public. But his work is his best encomium.

W. Cochran, the walking boss, who since two years March has acted in capacity of general overseer, to the eminent satisfaction of both his employers and his employees.

J. M. Kilsby, foreman on rigging and hoisting of gates, an adept in his specialty, requiring the greatest prudence and skill to properly superintend his department, has been associated with the work for two years, but has twenty years experience, and credentials coupled with many a masterpiece of workmanship.

J. M. Isaac, foreman of the cut stone department, has for two years been one of the most trusted and faithful foremen of the company. He works three large gangs, and has for eight years been an adept in his line.

F. Morin, foreman carpenters, also putting up the gates, is one of the pioneers on the work, having been here for fourteen years. He is an expert in his line, and has for sixteen years made the above his life-time study.

Patrick Walsh, foreman masonry department, pioneered in this work, being the oldest employe, beginning when the work began, something like seventeen years ago.

W. R. Hackett, foreman stone quarry—dimension stone—is in charge of a crew of about seventy, is a master workman, an old railroad contractor, an expert in all branches of this industry.

J. M. McIntire, foreman rigger gang, has been in various practical capacities with the company for two years. He has under his supervision from 50 to 150 men.

E. B. Crawford, foreman derricks, excavating, etc., an all-around practical man, has been on the works for two years, and given general satisfaction to all parties with whom he has come in contact.

R. G. Connor, in charge of a carpenter crew, has been on the works nearly two years; has twenty years experience in his business, and is generally acknowledged an expert in every branch of his trade.

Wm. Lacock is the locomotive engi-

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