

town, Mr. S. J. Tant had the present town site of Garfield surveyed and platted. In June, 1883, Giles Bros. built a store and put in a stock of general merchandise. But the railroad company failed to build the road at that time, and for the next three years the town consisted of one general merchandise store, the postoffice, one drug store and one blacksmith shop. But the building of the O. R. & N. railroad, and its nice depot and warehouses, put new life into our citizens, and a lively business sprang up in the town and surrounding country. At the present time, the building of the Spokane & Palouse railroad across the O. R. & N., in the east end of town, two telephone and two telegraph lines crossing each other, six county roads concentrating here, and the building of a nice elevator, which is nearing completion, has created a building boom."

**COLVILLE FARMS.**—For a distance of sixty miles southwest from Colville, along the eastern shore of the Columbia river, lies a strip of land, from five to ten miles in width, that has no equal in the diversity of advantages afforded to every branch of industry pertaining to the farm. The land slopes from the river in benches, or steppes, thus laying in level strips, a mile or more in width, one higher than the other, until the mountain range is finally a barrier to the undulated condition of things. The country is well watered by cool mountain streams, which flow across the plains at short intervals, toward the river. The general character of the soil is sandy, and the surface is covered with a vigorous growth of pine, fir and tamarack timber on the steep hillsides and along the water courses, and bunch grass in verdant abundance covers the open prairie lands on the plateaus. A great deal of the land has been settled by an industrious class of people from the Western states, who till the soil for the pleasure there is in it, and direct their attention to stock raising as a means of support and livelihood. This plan is suggestive of success, and we believe will work to the benefit of the early settler. We had the pleasure of passing over a large portion of the farming land in this section, and noticed that in every instance where a settlement of two years standing has been made, there is a pleasantly situated home, nicely improved and surrounded by the abundant products of the farm. Strawberries, every description of garden vegetables, and all varieties of orchard trees, grow without effort, and the soil or climate has no fault detrimental to their adaptability to this northern latitude.—*Colville Miner.*

**WALLA WALLA FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.**—The high quality of the fruit and vegetables of the Walla Walla valley is making a demand for them greater than the supply, though not greater than could be supplied, did the farmers appreciate the advantages of raising something besides wheat. One shipper informed the *Journal* that the demand for fruits and vegetables, is growing much more rapidly than the supply, especially so with berries, as they could ship one hundred thousand boxes per diem, if the fruit could be obtained. During the past year they have shipped berries, fruits and vegetables to Helena, Butte, Thompson Falls, Deer Lodge and Sulphur Springs, in Montana; to Wardner, Coeur d'Alene, Halley, Rathdrum and Sand Point, in Idaho; to Bismark, Dakota; and they have shipped grapes and other fruits to St. Paul, Minn.; they have had numerous inquiries for grapes, etc., from different parts of Dakota. Parties from Helena and Butte, Montana, come here and purchase onions and apples by the car load, and the onion crop is a most prolific and profitable one. Another said that, during the month of June, he shipped twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty pounds of strawberries alone, and an average of one ton of vegetables per diem; has standing orders for four tons of vegetables per week for the National Park, in Wyoming, and has numerous calls for fruits, berries and vegetables from Denver, Colorado; Fargo and Bismark, in Dakota; and from nearly every part of Montana, which he can not fill, owing to the limited supply. He stated that the demand for fruits, berries and vegetables is simply enormous, and that if the supply were sufficient, dealers could ship car-load lots to St. Paul, Chicago and Denver.

**PINE CREEK MINES.**—The Simmons mines, above Cornucopia, have been bonded for \$100,000.00. They are the best developed on Pine creek, and sufficient ore has been exposed to demonstrate their value. The *Baker City Democrat* thus summarizes the mines: "Cornucopia and Allentown, which are really one town, contain about six hundred inhabitants, have three general merchandise stores, five saloons, three hotels, two restaurants, blacksmith shops, etc. The distance from Union is fifty-three, and from Baker City sixty-three, miles, with fair roads. The towns are pleasantly situated, at an altitude of six thousand five hundred feet, with wood and water abundant, a flouring mill only six miles distant, and Pine valley, dotted with farms, lies at the foot of the mountain. One five-stamp mill, the Hope, is running on