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**WASCO COUNTY, ONCE LARGEST IN NATION RICH IN RESOURCES**

The Dalles, Its County Seat, Has Had Interesting Career From Early Days.

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The Dalles, Sept. 6.—As Oregon is the mother of states so Wasco county was the mother of counties. Wasco county was organized January 11, 1854, in Oregon's territorial days and had the distinction of being the largest county in the United States. Today Wasco county contains 2345 square miles. Its original area was 199,000 square miles. In other words it contains less than 2 per cent of its original area.

Wasco county, when organized, took in all of that part of Oregon south of the Columbia river to the northern boundary of California, and from the summit of the Cascade mountains to the summit of the Rockies.

The southwestern corner of Yellowstone Park, as well as Vinta, Fremont and Sweetwater counties in Wyoming, and Silver Bow and Ravalli counties in Montana, 13 counties in Idaho, and all of the counties in Eastern Oregon, were originally a part of Wasco county. Of this princely domain The Dalles was the county seat.

The first white settlement at The Dalles was made in March, 1838, when Daniel Lee, the nephew of Jason Lee, started a Methodist mission there. His associate in the work was Rev. H. K. W. Perkins.

In the spring of 1839 they plowed and planted 20 acres. Next year an additional party was sent to The Dalles to assist in the work. The recruits were Dr. J. L. Babcock, J. H. Frost and H. B. Brewer. With their families in 1844 Lee went east, and was succeeded by Rev. George Gary, who stayed till 1847, when Rev. Wm. Roberts took charge. The Methodist Board of Missions decided to confine their work to the Willamette Valley, so in August, 1847, they sold their property at The Dalles to Dr. Marcus Whitman, who had the mission at Walla Walla. Dr. Whitman bought the property for the Presbyterian Missionary society and left his nephew Perrin B. Whitman in charge. When this young man learned early in December of the massacre of his uncle, Dr. Whitman and the others at Walla Walla, he went to Portland, leaving the property in charge of some Wasco Indians.

**Military Post Abandoned.**  
For the next few years The Dalles was occupied by the military authorities. A reservation ten miles square was laid out as a military post. This was subsequently reduced in extent. In 1852 the present site of The Dalles was taken as a donation land claim by W. D. Bigelow. The military post was maintained at The Dalles until 1868. While on a tour of inspection Lieutenant U. S. Grant spent two weeks here, and many officers who later distinguished themselves in the Civil war, were stationed here. In 1856 Captain Thomas Jackson, who a few years later was an officer in the Confederate army, took charge of the army post at The Dalles. He it was who built the elaborate and expensive buildings, one of which, the residence of the post surgeon, which was built in 1858, still stands at The Dalles.

**Site Once an Indian Village.**  
Long before the white men settled at The Dalles, it was a populous and prosperous Indian village. Its Indian name was Win-quatt, meaning "encircled by cliffs." The Wasco Indians who lived at Win-quatt were skillful makers of horn spoons and horn basins, carving them from buffalo horns. Wasco county took its name from the Wasco Indians, and the meaning of their name, Wasco, is "horn basin."

Among the first permanent settlers in the vicinity of The Dalles was a French Canadian voyageur, a former employe of the Hudson's Bay company, named Crate. One of his sons was for many years on the police force at The Dalles, and still lives there. Another son is a sergeant of the Portland police, of which force he has been a member for more than 20 years. Mr. Crate settled in 1848, at what the Indians called Tlax-yap-kanon, or, "place of fresh water mussels," but now called Crate's Point. Just across the river was an Indian village called Kill-ka-hat, near the base of what is now called Klickitat mountain, but then called by the Indians Tlax-neuche-teche, or "Rocks-That-Look-Like-People-Peeping Over."

Prior to the coming of Mr. Crate, Joseph LeVendre, also a French Canadian, took up a place in 1846, built a log cabin and put out a garden. In 1848 he went to the California gold mines and was never heard of thereafter. A man named Logan took his abandoned claim now known as the Christianman Place.

In 1847 Nathan Olney, with his wife, a squaw, took up a place, left it for the gold fields and returned in 1853, selling it and taking up a new place on Ten Mile creek.

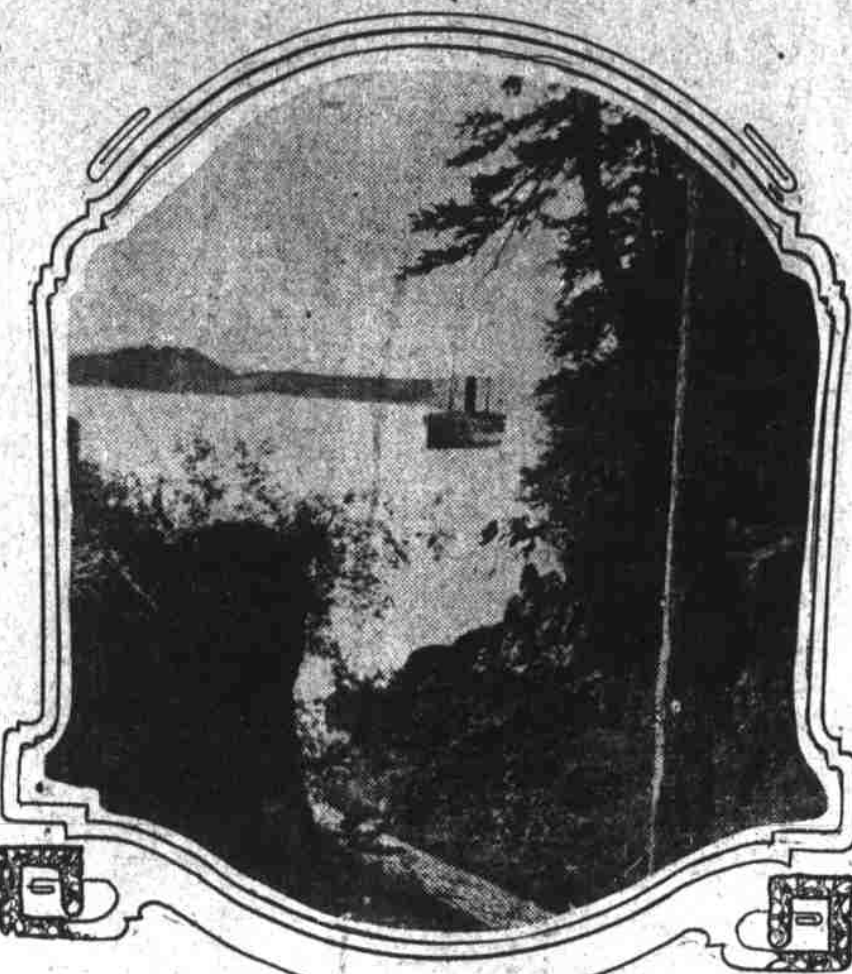
The first orchard to be set out was planted by Charles W. Denton, on Mill creek in 1854. The year before D. Bolton settled on Fifteen Mile creek, and became the first man in the whole district to take up wheat farming.

**Wheat Production Is Large.**  
Last year Wasco county produced 600,000 bushels of wheat, for which she received \$450,000, and also marketed 250,000 bushels of barley and 150,000 bushels of oats.

The industry started by Mr. Bolton 50 years ago has become the largest income producing industry of the county. During 1912 Wasco county produced flour with a market value of \$2,350,000. Her fruit products amounted to \$150,000, canned salmon \$120,000, lumber \$75,000, hay \$41,000, potatoes \$40,000, wool \$225,000, butter \$33,250, hensive poultry, eggs, hogs, sheep, cattle and numerous other products, amounting in all to a value of \$4,372,540.

When a county has so many sources of wealth as has Wasco county, there is little wonder that the assessed valuation of the county is over \$12,000,000. The principal sources of the prosperity of The Dalles and of the county of which it is the county seat, are wheat and wool, salmon and peaches, cherries and prunes, alfalfa and apricots, hogs and horses, cattle and dairy products, lumber and other timber products. An elevation of from 100 feet above

**CAPTAIN W. S. BIDDLE SWIMS ASHORE FROM SINKING SHIP**



The steamship State of California, in Gambier bay, near where she sunk August 17. This photograph was taken about 10 days prior to the tragedy.

Among the passengers aboard the steamship State of California which sunk in Gambier Bay on the Alaskan coast August 17, who escaped alive was Captain William S. Biddle of Portland. Captain Biddle had spent several months in the Alaskan wilds and was on the last leg of the homeward journey when he boarded the ill-fated steamship 15 minutes before the disaster befell her. When the boat settled below the surface of the water he plunged over the starboard railing into the icy water of the bay and swam to shore, a distance of 75 yards, receiving assistance from a lifeboat near shore.

Captain Biddle returned to Portland a few days ago and gives a most vivid account of the sea tragedy that cost the lives of at least 40 people.

"Gambier Bay is 60 miles south of Juneau and located there is a cannery in which a number of Portland people are interested," stated Captain Biddle. "I had been a guest at the cannery for several days and had planned to take the State of California for Seattle. The boat made a practice of stopping at this port on its way north to Sitka, but made no call there on its return voyage, so it was necessary to take it on its last-bound journey."

**Sea an Hour in Port.**  
"She had arrived here in the early morning of August 17 for the purpose of discharging two or three tons of freight at the cannery. After half an hour at the wharf, she prepared to leave and I got aboard. I immediately went into the dining room below for breakfast, and the boat backed around, preparatory to taking her out-bound course. "Hardly 15 minutes passed after leaving the wharf until she struck the rock. The force of the collision sent many

passengers hurrying to the deck. Members of the crew were quickly dispatched to awaken other passengers, who were still in their berths. It is certain that some of these didn't have time to get above before the boat sunk.

"Although only three minutes elapsed from the time the boat struck the rock until she sank, there was no confusion on deck and the best of discipline prevailed.

"I saw several lifeboats loaded on the port side, which were quickly filled with women passengers, but before there was time for these boats to get under way the steamship careened over on that side and the foremast crashed into the life crafts, crushing their occupants and throwing them into the water.

"As the boat went down I plunged over the starboard railing into the bay and swam to shore fully dressed, reaching land after having been assisted by a lifeboat. I saw four or five other men in the water who owe their lives to their ability to swim.

**Boat Sinks in Three Minutes.**  
"It was 8:26 o'clock in the morning when the California struck this unknown rock at 2 o'clock where the government maps of the late nineties showed there was 72 feet of water at low tide. Subsequent investigation showed that there was only 18 feet of water at low tide over the pinnacle shaped rock that rises from the depths of the bay. The California drew between 19 and 20 feet.

"When the disaster occurred the boat had proceeded three quarters of a mile from the wharf and it was probably 300 yards from the nearest beach. Captain Cann immediately turned her toward shore. She struck the rock beach, rebounded a short distance and went down in 150 feet of water."

In a week 18,000 young men have presented themselves at the mayoral office in the city and suburbs in order to be registered. This fact is regarded as a fine example of patriotism on the part of the conscripts.

**King Inaugurates Hunting Season.**  
Rome, Sept. 6.—The hunting season in the Italian Alps and the regions was officially inaugurated the other day when King Victor accompanied by a brilliant party of army officers and diplomats proceeded to the royal reservation in the Valley of Conche, for the annual three days of chamois and deer hunting.

**18,000 Recruits Register in Week.**  
Paris, Sept. 6.—The new military law came into operation recently and

sea level at The Dalles to over 2000 feet in parts of the county, gives variety to the climate and to the products. The average annual rainfall is between 16 and 17 inches, which means that dry farming is extensively practiced. Wasco county has a number of growing communities, among them Mosier, Shaniko, Tye, Valley, Wapinitia, Wretham, Orley, Sherar's Bridge, Smoak, Victor, Boyd, Kingsley, Hunt's Ferry and Friend.

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**Solid Oak Curtain Front Bookcases**  
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These Bookcases are made of solid oak, are 24 inches high and 24 inches wide and are fitted with adjustable shelves and brass curtain rods. Finished deep golden and rubbed dull. A high grade bookcase at a low price.



**\$5.50 Supported Iron Frame Springs**  
To Sell This Week at  
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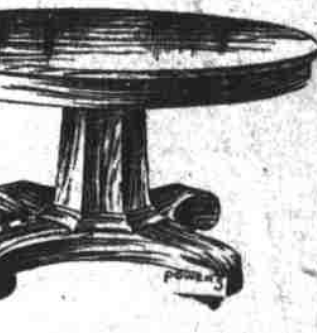
**\$21.00 Quartered Table for \$13.95**  
Excellent value in quarter sawed oak. Has large pedestal and extends to 6 feet. In the golden finish only.



**\$24.50 Quartered Table for \$16.65**  
Full quarter sawed stock. Has octagon base and broad flaring legs. Top measures 45 inches in diameter.



**\$22.75 Table, F'd or Golden \$15.90**  
Excellent design in solid oak with 8 inch tapered pedestal and 45-inch round top. Seats 10.



**\$59.00 Fumed Table Only \$37.75**  
An all quartered oak fumed pattern, having 48-inch top which extends to eight feet. It has a large top and massive 12-inch pedestal base.



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**\$21.00 Quartered Oak Dressers, Special Only \$14.65**  
The pattern is pleasing enough, sure, and the quality all one could expect for \$21.00. The case is made of full quarter sawed oak, finished dull golden and is fitted with a generous size beveled French plate mirror. Price is extremely low for such a good dresser.

**Have You Seen It? Powers' \$1.99 Three-Room Outfit The Finest Grouping of Furniture for Three Rooms You've Seen**

Made of quartered oak stock throughout. It has three slats in back and saddle a h peak wood seat, and a square under stock. In the golden wax finish only.

**Chairs and Rockers Worth \$35.75 From \$46.50 to \$54.00**

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