OLDEN DAYS IN WASCO COUNTY

John Colby, well known citizens of The Dalles, has lived in Wasco County more than 71 years. His father Edward Colby, who was a 9th Cavalryman serving in the Oregon country under the command of Capt. Russell, fought in the battle of the Wallowa River, and afterwards managed Colby's hotel in The Dalles. Walter Colby and other Colbys located here when John Colby was a child.

The trip to and from Vancouver was made by a flat bottomed boat, with the passengers on the gunwale to carry enough provisions and supplies. The boat was well equipped with a galley and was provided with all necessaries for a comfortable trip. The passengers were divided into two sections, the upper and lower deck. The boat was powered by a steam engine and was operated by a captain and crew. The trip to Vancouver was a long journey, but the passengers were well taken care of and enjoyed the trip.

The Colby family was one of the pioneer families of The Dalles and was well known for their hospitality and kindness. Mr. Colby was a prominent citizen of The Dalles and was active in the community. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and was a leader in the community. He was also a member of the Oregon State Senate and was a member of the United States Congress.

The Colby family lived in a large house in The Dalles and was one of the first families to own a horse. The house was located on the corner of Fourth and Main Streets. The house was built in the late 1800s and was one of the first brick houses in The Dalles. The house was well known for its beauty and was a landmark in the community. The house was demolished in the 1950s and the site is now occupied by a modern building.

The Colby family was well known for their hospitality and kindness. They were active in the community and were respected for their contributions to the community.

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