

It Took Two Incorporations to Make Wasco Eligible For Community Improvement Funds

Wasco was incorporated in 1897, getting its papers as a municipality from Sherman county. These later proved to be inadequate and it was found necessary to correct this when Wasco wanted to borrow some money a few years later. But for the time being the incorporation seemed as good as any and on January 31, a Monday, in 1898 the first election was held in Wasco, and it became the first incorporated city in the county. Two tickets were named by rival forces in the town, one headed by George N. Crossfield, on the Peoples' ticket and one led by W. M. Barnett on the Citizens' ticket.

It was said by his opponents that Crossfield was in favor of permitting a saloon in Wasco should he be elected. This he denied. But the campaign was rather heated during January of 1898 in this newest town in the state and the only one in the comparatively new county of Sherman.

Election day George Crossfield received 55 votes to 44 for Barnett and thus became Wasco's first mayor. L. Clark with 776, J. E. McPherson with 55, J. W. Booth with 55, P. L. Kretzer with 54, W. A. Murchie with 57 and Wash M. Reynolds with 77 were chosen councilmen, most of them being from the Crossfield side of the political fence. Angus Cameron was chosen marshal by a big vote and he was a Barnett man.

The town was booming with little businesses and the Wasco News, J. W. Armsworthy, editor, had a good list of advertisers, not the fancy picture ads of present times but straight type matter stating plainly what was to be sold, but without price.

Henry Krause was selling saddles and harness, W. H. Biggs and M. A. Leslie, one a former state representative and the other a former sheriff, were selling real estate, homesteads and city lots and doing a big business. Ah Toy was owner of the New Taylor hotel, J. S. Amos had a blacksmith shop at Rufus and pled for Wasco business.

A. Allen was a tinsmith, L. Clark owned the Union Lumber company, J. M. Hoag the livery stable and Charles Pierson ran a bakery and ice cream parlor. N. W. Thompson was running the Altamont Stables in Moro where the hotel is now situated. Wash M. Reynolds was owner of the other hotel in Wasco and Smith and Halley were running a saloon that sold Yellowstone whiskey and Hop Gold beer.

First settlers in Sherman county were in general a rather pious lot who didn't take liquor, holding its use to be a cardinal sin.

Early in July of 1899 Wasco had celebrated the return of the national guard from Manila. The boys had come home to receive their welcome which was warm and enthusiastic. Wasco had an armory and a national guard unit and was very proud of it. Bill Henrichs was adjutant.

The celebration consisted, as such things do today, of speeches and music. The Moro Silver Cornet band came down to help with the music and marched ahead of the parade that led to the Union warehouse where the speaking was held. Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles was orator of the day, and according to the Wasco News did a fine job.

V. C. Brock was toastmaster, a superb one, said the News. It was the custom of the time to assign a speaker a topic and his reply was called a toast. C. C. Kuey, later engaged in many political activities, was one speaker; W. M. Barnett, banker and storekeeper, J. M. Patterson, then cashier of the ill-fated Wasco bank, were others. C. J. Bright, attorney, Benjamin Franklin Pike, Civil War veteran and one-time county assessor, and C. G. Money also spoke.

And Angus and Rod Cameron and F. Curtis sang "Take the News to Mother" to soften all hearts and dim all eyes. Dr. J. Edgington, father of Grace Edgington Jordan, wife of the ex-governor of Idaho and author of a famous book about homesteading in the deep valley of the Snake, had a part on the program. Lewis Heydt and Dolph Heydt of Moro won the 100 yard footrace and McKinley Bill, Grant Morgans' famous quarter horse, took the horse race away from Brown Betty, a mare from Goldendale. Tom Stryker was an entry in the bicycle race but McKenzie won it.

Among all this jollity and good fellowship there was something lacking. The town was divided. George Crossfield had resigned as mayor because he didn't like the job and Angus Cameron was no longer marshal.

The council had passed Ordinance 22 forbidding business to operate on Sunday and on August 1, 1899 Marshal Vaughn served warrants on George N. Crossfield, manager of Oregon Trading company, on C. A. Akers who had a card room and on John G. Potter who owned a bowling alley for breaking Ordinance 22 by transacting business on Sunday, a Sabbath day.

Ed McKee had just gotten to town and his first advertisement in the Wasco News appeared the same week as did the announcement of the arrests.

The Wasco News, wanting, and perhaps needing the support of everyone, backed gracefully away from taking sides in a short editorial which read thus:

"The News wishes to be understood as taking neither side in the controversy now centering in Ordinance 22 while there is so much pure town-killing spitework on both sides, something that even large cities would do well in avoiding. We prefer to draw into our hole and remain strictly neutral."

The next week Potter of the bowling alley, H. E. Vaughn, the once town marshal, Wash Reynolds, William Booth, Mrs. W. M. Barnett and E. A. E. Webber all were arrested for violation of the ordinance. Vaughn, Reynolds and Mrs. Barnett pled guilty and paid their fines.

Crossfield wouldn't pay his and appealed to the circuit court, trusting to the wisdom of Judge Bradshaw and the desire of a large part of the community for the right to trade on Sunday. Others followed his lead.

The case came before the circuit court at the next term and was continued. Again it was continued until it failed to appear on the docket and the case was forgotten.

Root, Waller Swine Club Plans Picnic

The Root and Waller Swine club held its monthly meeting Tuesday, June 28 at the home of Wilma Gentry. There were eight members and five visitors present. Sally Fields was taken into the club as a new member. Reports to the club members not attending 4-H summer school were given by Darlene Gochbauer, David Conlee, Sterling Gochbauer and Wilma Gentry.

Information was passed around on the feeding program and progress of pigs of the club members. They also read in a few magazines of experiments being performed on pigs.

The annual club picnic for members and parents was planned. Place decided on was Uncle Walt's Park; date, July 17, time 1:30 p.m. for potluck picnic.

Swimming in the afternoon at The Dalles natatorium.

Foods Department Gets More Space at Oregon State Fair

More space for exhibits and more prize money will be featured in the foods department of the 1955 Oregon State Fair which will be held from September 3-10 at Salem.

Slightly cramped for space last year when Oregon housewives deluged the department with over 1,000 exhibits in their quest of the coveted "Queen of the Kitchen" title, the foods display definitely will be enlarged for the '55 state fair, according to Mrs. James H. Turnbull, foods department superintendent.

Pies will be judged at the state fair this year for the first time in modern history and demonstrations will be added to other activities in the foods booth. A platform will be erected for the demonstrations of bread baking and other specialties.

Competition in many varieties of breads, cakes, candies, canned fruits, meats and fish, preserves and jams, pickles, relishes and frozen foods will be repeated. Special novelty cakes entered at

the 1955 state fair must be in keeping with the fair's overall theme which is "Gay '55's". Winner of the state fair "Queen of the Kitchen" contest last year was Mrs. Donald Hood of Gervais. The title goes to the person who wins the most individual prizes in the foods department. Blue ribbons count five points, second prizes are worth three points, and third prizes one point.

No entry fees are charged in the foods department competition which is open to all Oregon residents. A complete list of foods which may be entered is listed in the state fair premium list, available now from the state fair office, Salem.

DRIED APPLES

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The country began to fill up with stockmen who had horse bands to run on the big bunch-grass that grew all over the hills and Eatons' was a gathering place for them. They got their scanty mail there as the stage drivers dropped it off for them and Eatons' became a sort of post-office, unofficial at first and official after March 2, 1870 when the government made Eaton the postmaster of the Spanish Hollow post-office.

The first voting precinct east of the Deschutes was called Eaton's precinct. By 1880 there were 150 people listed in Eaton precinct.

many of them laborers on the railroad line that was building from The Dalles east to meet the Oregon Short Line building west from Salt Lake.

WEATHER MEET CHANGED

The annual meeting of Weather Modification has been changed to Tuesday, July 12 instead of the 11th as previously announced.

Dean Eberly, assistant to the chairman of President Eisenhower-

er's committee on weather modification, will be present.

Among those who saw the water pageant at Bend Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Donn Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sayers and Frank Mullins and his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer visited Verne and Elsie Arstall in Athena Sunday and Monday. They stopped in Pendleton on the return trip, bringing Sandra Blagg home with them.

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