

Prosperity Reigns

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other grain, 3,440,111 pounds; wool, 1,225,000 pounds; cattle, 590 head; sheep, 60,580 head; horses and mules, 1,789 head; and that there were in storage at the end of the year 2,500,000 pounds of wool. (The largeness of the amount of wool held over is accounted for by the fact that many hoped and expected that the re-election of McKinley to the presidency would enhance the price.)

A look at national history shows they were right: McKinley was re-elected and a new progressive vice-president Theodore Roosevelt joined him. The War with Spain ended and U.S. Territories expanded. In 1901 President McKinley was assassinated.

In 1900 Morrow County was only 15 years old, but the City of Heppner had been in existence for 28 years. It was now a vigorous adult, a very busy, prosperous community. Mr. W.S. Shiach concludes his History of Umatilla and Morrow Counties (Morrow Section) with a look at a pioneer reunion held that year. (His book was published in 1901.)

Ethnic Backgrounds

John F. Kilkenny has cleverly presented in Shamrocks and Shepherds a picture of the Irish contributions to Morrow's growth. Giles French, with help from Oscar Peterson, gives a good look at the Swedish pioneers from Ione through Gooseberry and Eightmile who organized in 1886 and built Valby Church in 1897.

MANY FAMILIAR NAMES

(History of Umatilla & Morrow Counties)

Included in the 120 biographies from Morrow County one finds many names familiar today. One also wonders why certain historically significant names are omitted. It seems that quite a number of these fine early citizens came from Canada. In some cases they were recruited by earlier Canadian arrivals. Most European families moved into Morrow after having first tried American life elsewhere.

Early residents named Cecil, Sayer, Barratt, Henry Jones, and Woodward were among those that brought English ways. Germany was represented by the Padberg, Noble, Lichtenthal families. A Scotch background came with the Lindsays and the Scotch-English Hynds. The Williams were Welsh-English. Portugal was represented by the Joseph Mason family & Vey Bros., Butter



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One Swede who did buy a biography was Peter O. Borg. Among the Irish who parted with dollars for tributes were Tom Gilfillan, Edward Cluff, James G. Doherty, John H. Johnson, and Thomas McCullough. Of course, many subjects were second generation Europeans.

Oriental citizens certainly met discrimination. The Chinese did much menial labor during pioneer times, particularly in the mines and

during the building of the railroads. Later some became business men with good restaurants and, of course, laundries. An occasional "Jap" is mentioned. Like the Indians, these persons were usually not given the dignity of individual names. AN IRISHMAN WITH AN UNUSUAL EDUCATION

The biographical sketches include many interesting incidents — are "fun" reading. One enjoyable example is the story of John H. Johnson (Pg. 564) which is not nearly as long as some others.

"JOHN H. JOHNSON. Should we fail to incorporate in our volume an epitome of the leading agriculturist and estimable citizen whose name heads this paragraph, we would be subject to the charge of incompleteness, since this work purports to give not only the history of the county, but of its leading and influential citizens.

"Mr. Johnson was born on the high seas on May 2, 1846, while his parents, Hiram and Nancy E. (Goodridge) Johnson, were en route

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