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## 73 Years In Cascade Locks

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#### Abstract

labor became plentiful and cheap whe nthe panic hit in 1893. The Days were fine men. After the locks were turned over to the gov ernment they built and operated a sawmill that later developed into the Wind River Lumber company With the completion of the ocks and the building of the saw fill, the yown entered upon fill, the uwn entered upon a William Hoskins, a stone cutter the townspeople had come together and built the Methodist church, and the Catholics, under leader- ship of Father Kelly, had built the church which burned in the fire fuly 2. Times and conditions in the Times and district were changing. Acros the river George Steving. Acros the river George Stevenson, who operated fish-wheels on the Columbia, had founded the town of Stevenson in 1892, and with the coming of the railroad in 1882 the Oregon Railroad \& Navigation company had laid out and romoted the town of Hood River. There had been a settlement at Hood River, or Dog river as it was known for years, since the arly '60s. In 1877 a chap by the name of Allen had opened a small tore. The next year he sold out to E. L. Smith, who helped the railroad lay out the townsite. Prior to 1892 the ground on which Stevenson stands had been farm. Skamania county had been created by the Washington egislature, but the county seat was down at Cascades, mile below the present North munneville. Stevenson induced a bunch of men to go down to Cascades and sieze the county records and carry them ap to his new town. Cascades bean to fade out after that and it s difficult to locate the site of the Id town today. uts around two or three sand bars Within the next few years we and tuck, but I knew the short and we took the lead before we were to see considerable develop- reached Hood River and never lost ment on both sides of the river. it. We made the run that after- The mill was to provide employnoon in four hours and the pass- ment for people who had worked engers were off the boat before on the locks; we were to have a the other steamers tied up at The new school, and in time the highbales. $\quad$ way. The mill brought in new peoThe locks had been completed ple, while others who had helped by J. G. and I. N. Day of San Francisco, who took the contract in 1892. They made a large sum Range, guaranteed to bake; new I money out of the contract, for grates, new back; $\$ 15$. Cascade the price of materials dropped and Bargain House.


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