

population to occupy the broad acres and establish upon them happy and prosperous homes. The Sequin Prairie is an extensive body of very productive land. The climate is mild, but the rains of winter are excessive, particularly on the ocean coast, at Cape Flattery the fall being as high as 132 inches per annum. Numerous excellent harbors give the county superior commercial advantages.

**Officers:** B. G. Hotchkiss, Probate Judge; E. N. Pileher, Sheriff and Assessor; G. L. Boswell, Recorder and Auditor; T. Abernethy, Treasurer and Tax Collector; E. H. McAlmond, Surveyor; A. Abernethy, Coroner.

**Claquato, Lewis Co, P O**  
Hogue George J, postmaster

**Clarke County.** Bounded north by Lewis, east by Skamania, south by the Columbia River dividing it from Oregon, and west by Columbia River and Cowlitz. Area, 1,400 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$677,500. County seat, Vancouver. Principal towns: Lake River, Lincoln, Pekin, Union Ridge, and Washougal. This is the oldest county in the Territory, having been organized as the District of Vancouver by the provisional government of Oregon in 1844. It then embraced all of Oregon Territory north of the Columbia River, now comprising the Territory of Washington, but as settlements were established and population increased, other counties have been created, and Clarke reduced to its present limits. The county occupies an important position, being at the western base of the Cascade Range and fronting on the Columbia River, here navigable for sea-going vessels. It contains a large area of agricultural land, much of which is yet unoccupied. One of the surveyed routes of the Northern Pacific Railroad passes through the county, giving hopes to some that the road will follow that direction. The settlements are connected by good roads but the Territorial road from Vancouver to Fort Steilacoom, passing along the Columbia to the Cowlitz is at certain periods inundated, and as a consequence and from the facility of water communication, it is but little used. The principal streams are the Washougal in the south-east, the Salmon and the Cathlapootle or Lewis River in the west, with two large branches rising in the Cascade Mountains and running across the county.

**Officers:** William Ginder, Probate Judge; John P. Judson, District Attorney; A. L. Coffey, Sheriff, and Tax Collector; Charles Brown, Recorder, and Auditor; Jacob Proehstel, Jr., Treasurer; John H. Fletcher, Assessor; Alexander McAndrew, Surveyor; H. B. Woodd, Coroner; A. S. Nicholson, Superintendent Public Schools.

**Colfax, Whitman Co, P O and County seat** is a newly built town situated at the junction of the North and South Forks of the Palouse River in the midst of a rich agricultural section. The town in 1874 numbered about one hundred inhabitants, and while supporting numerous business establishments boasted its exemption from saloons or drinking houses. A tri-weekly mail is received from Walla Walla, and a weekly mail from Lewiston, Idaho. The town is 23 miles from Pen-a-Wa-Wa steamboat landing and ferry on Snake River, with which it is connected by a good wagon road. The surrounding country is sparsely settled, but is an inviting one to farmers and stock raisers.

**Beach, Jones & Co, lumber manufacturers**  
**Boone W B, attorney at law**  
**Bordean Oliver, shoe maker**  
**Bunnell P D, physician**  
**Davenport J C, general merchandise, and flour manufacturer**  
**Downing E M, butcher**  
**Ewart James, hotel**  
**King C B, livery and feed stable**  
**Nosler James M, notary public**  
**Parr J, harness, and saddlery**  
**Ronada James, blacksmith**  
**Smith Thomas J, postmaster**  
**Smith & King, druggists**  
**Wilson Emett, butcher**  
**Woodard S D, cabinet maker**

**Collins Landing, Skamania Co, P O**  
Collins William, postmaster, and general merchandise

**Columbus, Klitkat Co, P O 20 miles n e of Rockland**  
Hoadley J C, flour dealer

**Henderson J C, carpenter**  
**Stark-Amos, postmaster**  
**Stark B T, carpenter**  
**Stark E Miss, teacher**

**Colville, Stevens Co. (See Fort Colville)**

**Coupeville, Island Co, P O 3 miles e of Coveland,** is on Whidby Island, in Puget Sound, that grand body of water classed as the Mediterranean of the Pacific, so well adapted is it for commercial purposes and so commanding over a large extent of country. Coupeville occupies a very favorable site on one of the best harbors of this great inland sea, and is a prosperous and happy locality, where the principles of the Good Templars are the predominant rule. Schools of a high order are maintained, churches are established, and good order prevails.

**Morgan O H, postmaster**  
(See supplement for names of business men.)

**Coveland, Island Co, P O and County seat** is on Whidby Island, at the mouth of Admiralty Inlet, opposite Port Townsend. The Island is the largest in the Sound, being 60 miles in length, and from 3 to 10 miles in width, and contains a number of extensive and fertile prairies. Coveland has succeeded Coupeville as County seat, and is a pleasant and prosperous place.

**Barington E, general merchandise**  
**Busby J W, manufacturer, and general merchandise**  
**Busby William, blacksmith**  
**Carlton William E, postmaster**  
**Jones G, hotel**  
**Kelley Joseph S, teacher**  
**Lyon D R, physician**  
**Morse G W, wagon maker**  
**Noonan Thomas, blacksmith**  
**Snow J M, notary public**  
**Wallace Sarah L, teacher**

**Cowlitz, Lewis Co, P O 23 miles s e of Coveland**  
**Dubeau Louis L, postmaster, and general merchandise**

**Farron John, blacksmith**  
**Gilbert Richard, blacksmith**  
**Howe Horace, attorney at law**  
**Hylebos -- Rev, clergyman (R C)**  
**Pinto H H, general merchandise**  
**Sarcault Eli, carpenter**  
**St. Peter L B, teacher**

**Cowlitz County.** Bounded north by Lewis, east by Clarke, south by the Columbia River, and west by the Columbia and Wahkiakum. Area, 460 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$623,950. County seat, Kalama. Principal towns: Freeport, Monticello, Oak Point and Oglea. This county occupies an important position, fronting for 20 miles on the great Columbia, and embracing the valley of the river whose name it bears, a fine stream, navigable still further to the north, in Lewis County. The Puget Sound division of the Northern Pacific Railroad has its initial point at Kalama, and runs northerly through the entire length of the County. The valley of the Cowlitz and its tributaries is very fertile, having a large quantity of rich bottom lands, which in the aggregate comprise one-third the area of the County. These are very fertile, often producing as much as fifty bushels of wheat per acre. A short distance from the rivers the land is unoccupied, and offers very favorable inducements to settlers. The Columbia and Cowlitz are both navigable streams, and furnish convenient means of transportation for all products. The forests are, as everywhere in this section of the Union, on the grandest scale. Numerous roads lead from the valley of the Cowlitz to the towns of the neighboring counties, in the valley of the Chehalis and its branches, and to Puget Sound. "The Cowlitz River," says J. Ross Browne in his report to Congress, "is worthy of particular mention. This river, having its source in the Cascade Mountains, between Mount Ranier and St. Helens, runs west, then south, and empties into the Columbia about fifty miles from its mouth. It runs the whole length of Cowlitz County, and nearly the whole breadth of Lewis, through good agricultural land, both prairie and bottom. The Cowlitz farms, the Cowlitz prairie, and the Cowlitz landing are familiar as household words, and date their origin long antecedent to the commencement of American settlement. The first name alludes to the claim of

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