

water, separated by a bar of sand, and makes one of the best harbors between San Francisco and Puget Sound. The bay is full of shoals, and is about half uncovered at low tide, but good channels run through every part. Oysterville, from its position, commands much of the trade of the Bay, and enjoys a fair degree of prosperity. High expectations are entertained of its future importance as a watering place, or pleasure resort, the beautiful scenery, pleasant yachting, fishing, and hunting grounds offering unsurpassed attractions to those in pursuit of health and recreation.

Briseoe John, postmaster
Carruthers R, hotel
Crellin & Co. general merchandise
Espy & Co, general merchandise
Lomis Edwin, boat builder
Soule Edwin A, postmaster
Soule S Reed, boat builder
Stevens L, hotel

Pacific County. Bounded north by Chehalis, east by Chehalis and Wahkiakum, south by the Columbia River, and west by the Pacific Ocean. Area, 1,140 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$335,588. County seat, Oysterville. Principal towns: Bruceport, Chinook and Ilwaco. This county comprises the extreme southwestern portion of the Territory, bordering on the Columbia and the ocean. Its principal feature is Shoal-water Bay, and the predominant resource the fisheries, particularly of oysters, in that body of water. This is one of the best harbors on the coast, but the country contributory to it is of limited extent, which detracts from its importance. The Willapa is a considerable stream entering the Bay from the east, and its lower portion constitutes a bay of itself, being broad and deep, and the tide rising in it for a distance of seventeen miles from the mouth. In the valley of this stream is much arable land and several settlements, among which is Bruceport, one of the oldest towns in the Territory. Near the mouth of the river is an extensive steam saw mill, shipping about 600,000 feet of lumber per month. The forests in this section are among the finest in the world, consisting of noble trees of fir, cedar, spruce and hemlock. The Palix, Nasal, Necomanche, Cedar, North, and other rivers, enter the Bay, and afford fine harbors at their mouths, giving great facilities for attacking, manufacturing and shipping lumber from the grand forests that line their banks. The southwestern extreme of the county terminates in Cape Disappointment, which is the outer headland at the mouth of the Columbia, and encloses Baker's Bay, upon which is situated Ilwaco, an important lumbering and fishing town. A short distance up the Columbia a valuable cement rock exists, which is extensively mined and prepared for use. In the same section silver-bearing veins are found, adding the resource of mining to the many others of the County.

Officers: M. S. Griswold, Probate Judge and Superintendent Public Schools; Robert T. Turner, Clerk, Recorder and Auditor; J. P. Judson, District Attorney; J. H. Whitcomb, Sheriff, Tax Collector, and Assessor; John Crellin, Treasurer; H. S. Gill, Surveyor; J. N. Lane, Coroner.

Palouse, Whitman Co, P O 12 miles w of Colfax
Davis Jesse, postmaster

Pataha, Walla Walla Co, P O 54 miles e of Walla Walla
Favor A J, postmaster

Pataha Prairie, Walla Walla Co, P O 59 miles e of Walla Walla
Long Ransom, postmaster

Pekin, Cowlitz Co, P O
Caples John W, postmaster
Lancaster C, attorney at law
Wood & Caples, general merchandise

Pierce County. Bounded north by Kitsap and King; east by Stevens; south by Lewis and Thurston; and west by Thurston and Mason, being separated from the latter by an arm of Puget Sound. Area, 2,000 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$1,050,384. County seat, Steilacoom. Principal towns: Franklin, Nisqually, Spanaway and Tacoma. The county is of large extent and occupies an important section of the Territory, extending from Puget Sound on the west to the summit of the Cascade Mountains on the east, a distance of 65 miles; embracing noble harbors, navigable rivers, broad prairies, grand forests,

and rugged mountains, it presents a diversity of resources and most lovely scenery. In the southeastern corner is Mount Rainier, the fairest, most majestic, and the loftiest peak of the Cascade Range, reaching an altitude of 14,444 feet above the sea. The Puyallup and the Nisqually Rivers take their rise in Mount Rainier—the first on the north and the latter on the southern side—and flow through a most desirable country to Puget Sound, being navigable from 20 to 30 miles of their course, and furnishing excellent harbors at their mouths. The Naches Pass, in the Cascades, is within the limits of Pierce County, through which has been constructed a good wagon road from Steilacoom to Wallula, a distance of 234 miles. The Northern Pacific Railroad enters the county from the south and finds its western terminus on the waters of Puget Sound at Tacoma, a noble harbor, where the Puyallup River enters Commencement Bay. The settlements throughout the County are generally connected by good roads, but the Sound and the rivers, next to the railroad, offer most convenient and expeditious means of intercommunication.

Officers: William P. Dougherty, Probate Judge; George B. Kandle, Clerk, Recorder, and Auditor; G. N. McConaha, District Attorney; J. K. Smith, Sheriff, Tax Collector, and Assessor; John M. Downey, Treasurer; John V. Meeker, Surveyor, and Superintendent Public Schools; Samuel Roberts, Coroner.

Pine Grove, Stevens Co, P O, 100 miles s of Fort Colville

Blane L, teacher
Gashiel F A, attorney at law
Phileo T A E, physician
Ross Stephen, general merchandise
Sanders William A, postmaster
Swift A C, attorney at law
Toby C D, attorney at law

Pinkney City, Stevens Co. (See Fort Colville)

Pioneer, Clark Co, P O
Field William, postmaster

Pleasant Grove, Yakima Co, P O

Barker Jacob, blacksmith
Bahl M M, barber
Frisby B B, teacher
Geddis S R, postmaster
Marsalner — physician
Read J B, teacher
Solomons William, cooper

Point Williams, Whatcom Co. (See Samish)

Port Angeles, Clallam Co, P O, 16 miles west of New Dungeness, is on a bay of the same name on the southern shore of the Straits of Fuca, four miles long by from two to two and a half wide, constituting a very safe and accessible harbor. Vessels bound up or down the Straits of Fuca in stress of weather take refuge in Port Angeles, where shelter and good anchorage is found.

Vidler John, postmaster, and general merchandise

Port Blakely, Kitsap Co. (See Blakely)

Port Discovery, Jefferson Co, P O 8 miles southwest of Port Townsend, on Port Discovery Bay, named so by Vancouver because it was the first he entered in his ship, the "Discovery," in May, 1792. Immediately in front of the town is Protection Island, also named by Vancouver. The country then, as now, was attractive, nor have the years intervening changed the climate nor general features of the country. The description written by the great traveller answers for the present, giving at that date a glowing picture of a section now rising into importance. He says: "On landing on the island and ascending its eminence, our attention was called to a landscape quite as beautiful as the most elegantly finished pleasure grounds of Europe. There was an elegant lawn covered with luxuriant grass, diversified with an abundance of flowers, and protected from the northwest winds by a copse of pine trees, symmetrically arranged, as if planted by art for a special purpose. While we stopped to contemplate these several beauties of nature, in a prospect no less pleasing than unexcited, we gathered some gooseberries and roses in a state of considerable forwardness." The scenery and the seasons are the same, but the solitude is now broken by busy industry. The beautiful