

Idaho; south by Oregon; and west by Kiklkat and Yakima. Area, 8,000 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$2,602,990. County seat, Walla Walla. Principal towns: Coppei, Dayton, Walsburg, Mullan's Bridge, Touchet, and Wallula, the old Fort Walla Walla. This is the wealthiest and most populous county in the Territory. It is composed of two natural divisions, the western one embraced in a bend of the Columbia, having that river on the north, running east, then running southeast for sixty miles, where it is joined by the Snake, when its course is south and then west towards the ocean. The eastern division is separated from the western by the main Columbia, and lies in a bend of the Snake, south of that river. The county contains many broad valleys and fertile plains, with an abundance of timber for all needed purposes. The first settlements made were in 1820, at the old Fort Walla Walla, on the Columbia, now Wallula, by the Hudson Bay Company, and until 1859, this beautiful region was occupied by but few others than attaches of that Company, the military, and Indians. The savages for a long time determinedly contended for its sole possession, but their fear of exclusion has passed. The great Walla Walla Valley, which covers a large portion of the eastern division, is fertile and productive, and is as fine a farming region as can be found in the north temperate zone. In it concentrate numerous roads, which, with the great rivers, give ready communication with the neighboring States and Territories. The climate is very favorable for the latitude and of unsurpassed healthfulness, the mean of the thermometer being: in Spring, 52°; in Summer, 73°; Autumn, 53°; and Winter, 34°; and the annual rain fall is 18 inches.

Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co, P O 30 miles w of Walla Walla, is a town of growing importance on the Columbia River, and is the starting point of the railroad to Walla Walla. This has been an important point on the river since the occupation of the country, and was the old Fort Walla Walla of the Hudson Bay Company, being the entrepot of the large and fertile valley to the eastward. Immediately surrounding the place the country is unproductive, therefore its resources are dependent upon its position as a point of trade by land and water. Past its front sweeps the majestic river from the wild Indian haunted regions of the north, and from the deep cañons of Idaho and the Rocky Mountains, its volume of waters gathered through twelve degrees of latitude rolling onward to the sea, three hundred miles toward the setting sun.

Alley W N, agent W W & C R R R Co
Graham R, liquor saloon
Linn E A, livery stable
PEABODY T J, agent Oregon Steam Navigation Co,
and Wells, Fargo & Co
Short A C, postmaster, hotel, and general merchandise

Walton, Whitman Co, P O 25 miles n w of Colfax
Graden James M, postmaster

Washougal, Clarke Co, P O 20 miles n e of Vancouver
Hart, George W, postmaster

Waterford, Wahkiakum Co, P O 6 miles n e of Cathlamet
Ball & O'Brien, salmon fishing (Foster Island)
Hapgood Andrew S, postmaster
Hapgood G C, salmon fishery
Nice J B, salmon fishery (Cape Horn)

Wenatchie, Yakima Co, P O address, Na-
num 70 miles n of Yakima City
Freer Bros. & Co, general merchandise

Whatcom, Whatcom Co, P O and County seat, is eligibly situated for commerce and manufactures on the eastern shore of Bellingham Bay, near the northern limit of the United States. In the vicinity are extensive mines of coal, and magnificent forests, while the soil, covering one and giving deep root to the other, is of exceeding fertility, and will constitute a resource when shorn of the towering evergreens which now give such picturesque wildness to the landscape. This being the nearest American town to British Columbia, and a road leading to it from Frazer River, it was thought it would become the great trading point with the mines of that river, and in the time of the "Frazer River excitement" it suddenly grew to a large and busy town. It has since diminished its pretensions, but

is an important and growing place. The Bellingham Bay Coal Co., of San Francisco, own and work the coal mines in the vicinity, maintaining the neighboring village of Sehome, one mile distant. One newspaper, the *Bellingham Bay Mail*, is published weekly.

Bellingham Bay Coal Co, general merchandise
BELLINGHAM BAY MAIL, James Power, proprietor

Carpenter W M, physician
Cunningham J N, physician
Fouts Martha Mrs, dress maker
Fouts W H, teacher
Healy John D, stoves, and tinware
Jenkins John R, hotel
Jordan D M, hotel, and cooper
Kellogg George A, attorney at law
McCloskey Peter, liquor saloon
Osborn B & Son, carpenters
POWER JAMES, postmaster, and proprietor Bellingham Bay Mail
Reinhart S D, attorney at law
SMITH S S, general merchandise
Taws M T, butcher
Utter W A, blacksmith
Utter William, ship builder
Winslow E D, physician
Zimdar Harry, hotel

Whatcom County. Bounded north by British Columbia, east by Stevens, south by Snohomish, and west by Rosario Straits and the Gulf of Georgia. Area, 4,000 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$440,352. County seat, Whatcom. Principal towns: La Conner, Sehome, Semiahmoo, and Skagit. Islands: Fidalgo, Guernes, Lummi, Samish, and St. Clair. Bellingham Bay, a large body of water, indents the coast, and forms an excellent harbor. About the bay are some of the most extensive coal mines of the Pacific Coast, which were discovered in 1852. Large quantities of coal have been mined and sent to San Francisco, and operations are still carried on. The mines divide the interest with lumber, and together constitute a resource of the most valuable character. The interior of the county is covered with a dense forest, and the eastern part rises in lofty and rugged mountains. Mount Baker, once a volcano, and whose fires are not yet entirely extinct, is the highest peak, having an elevation of 10,700 feet, and its snow-crowned summit is a conspicuous object to the traveler on the distant waters.

Whidbey Island, Island Co, is located at the mouth of Admiralty Inlet, near Port Townsend. It is fifty miles long, and from three to ten miles wide, containing a number of extensive and fertile prairies, and is being settled rapidly. Coveland, County seat of Island Co., is located here.

White River, King Co, P O 22 miles e of Seattle
Vondoren Cornelius M, postmaster

White Salmon, Kiklkat Co, P O 20 miles w of Rockland
Joslyn E S, dairyman
Warner J R, postmaster, and broom maker

Whitman County. Bounded north by Stevens, east by Idaho Territory, south by Walla Walla, west by Yakima, from which it is separated by the Columbia River. Area, 2,000 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$239,490. Population, about 1,500. County seat, Colfax. Principal towns: Penawawa and Whitman. The county was organized in January 1872, out of the southern part of Stevens County. Almost the entire area is valuable for agriculture and grazing, and is capable of supporting a dense population, though now comparatively a wilderness. The Snake and Columbia, large navigable rivers, wash two sides, and the Palouse and other streams run through the interior. The surface is generally level or diversified with gently rolling hills, and when viewed from an eminence presents a succession of wavy mounds, the tops of which are rounded or flattened, but nearly all on a level as far as the eye can reach, and all covered with the indigenous bunch grass, upon which vast herds feed and fatten throughout the year.

Officers: James Waldrup, Probate Judge; T. J. Anders, District Attorney; James S. Taylor, Sheriff; James Ewart, Recorder, and Auditor; W. E. Davis, Treasurer, and Tax Collector; E. Duff, Assessor; L.

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