

A VIRGIN LAND.

Resources and Prospects of Washington Territory.
 Rich Lands Opened Up by Railroads—A Paradise for Sportsmen and Tourists.

A Future Fall of Promise for Spokane and Olympia.

Correspondence San Francisco Chronicle.
 SPOKANE FALLS, (W. T.), July 15, 1881. — There is no end to the anomalies of nature in this great stretch of country lying between the Cascade range and Idaho, but the study of them, until now, has been accompanied with so many drawbacks, that the pleasure traveler, or the man over-crowded and overburdened in the east, casting about for a locality promising more for the future, has been content to follow the more beaten tracks of civilization and emigration. But the marvelous railway operations of this northwest have not only put it within reach of the emigrant, but made it pleasantly accessible to those who travel in quest of recreation or health. And this country, so rich in scenic treasures, possesses a climate that is agreeable in summer by reason of cooling breezes from the high mountains or the cold waters of the inland lakes. Add to this the fact that in mid-summer the nights are cool enough to enable one to sleep refreshingly under a fair quantity of bed-clothing, and it seems that if the traveler wishes to fairly revel in a season of dolce far niente, there is no place on the continent that has more attractions than this.

A PARADISE FOR SPORTSMEN.
 And then the sporting. Two hundred yards from the principal hotel in Spokane, the sportsman can drop his fly into one of the most beautiful streams in the world, and take a mess of trout in half an hour. Larger fish are found in the Little Spokane, ten miles away; salmon are plentiful in the Little Spokane, within fifteen miles the hunter may try his powder on bear and deer while in all this section prairie chickens and other game birds are so numerous that they can be killed with a revolver, or even sticks and stones. From here the opportunity for pleasure excursions is splendid, that to Couer d'Alene being the favorite—a ride of twenty-eight miles over a road that is as level as a floor and rich in drapery, ending at the finest military post in the United States. Here the tourist will enjoy not only the most delightful hospitality, but in the neighborhood walks, drives, boat-ing and superb scenery. In another direction, at Medical lake, fifteen miles to the southwest, will be found one of nature's hospitals for the treatment of rheumatic and skin diseases. These curative waters are attracting the attention of the afflicted in all portions of this coast, and many are pilgrimating to the Siloam of Washington territory.

CHOICE BITS OF FARMING LAND.
 Extending his rambles the tourist, on way to the Cascade Range, finds not only some of the richest farming lands on the continent sequestered in the woods, but mountain valleys hidden among rocky pinnacles, posing forms of architecture that nature has left to mark her history or her sportive moods. In places the country is so new that one feels entirely alone with nature, and readily imagines that it would be pleasing to fall back into primitive methods of life. It is wonderful how soon a man forgets civilization amid such scenes, and how easy it is to relapse into the nomadic life of the red man—so free, yet so uncertain. If that alone constituted barbarism, then, for a time, at least, barbarism is very agreeable. The love of the frontiersman for his life is not to be wondered at.

FEATURES OF FOREST SCENERY.
 A ramble through the forest in the territory is exceedingly interesting, displaying nature in her primeval condition. The towering firs, with their tapering forms, present a funeral aspect in their garb of gloomy green; but a fringe of white-blossomed coral and unbragous, bright-green cottonwood appear occasionally to give variety to the otherwise monotonous hue. Now and then a rapid stream came into view, or a canyon, narrow and rugged, with high, perpendicular walls of rock, to add to the picturesque of the landscape. Here the red and yellow fir stand pre-eminent in utility and profusion, excelling in dimension only by the famous trees of California. For special purposes, such as ship spars, the red fir is without a rival. This region is fast becoming the lumber mart of the world, its resources in woods being apparently unlimited. The flora in Washington territory is not only rare, but interesting. Generally the flowers are of a brilliant red or glaring yellow. Confining botanical observation to the locality about Spokane, I found twenty-three varieties of flowers within a ramble of ten miles. In the neighborhood of Seattle, the greatest coal port of the Pacific, the tourist will find what has been aptly termed the Niagara of the northwest—a fall of 270 feet in height and 75 in width. Hemmed in by dense woods, enveloped at the base by huge crags of augite basalt, dark as the shadows of night, and fed by a rapid stream, these falls possess all the elements of grandeur and sublimity. Owing to a catastrophe which here overtook a company of Indian warriors, the red men avoid these falls, believing that the roar of the water is the wailing of the dead, and that any intrusion would be resented with death.

PICTURESQUE OLYMPIA.
 Olympia, a city rich in scenic treasures, lies in the way. Directly in front lies the placid waters of the sound, with handsome steamers wheezy tugs, white-sail boats and stately ships in view; on both sides of the sound, dense forests, while to the north towers the Olympic range, whose crests are enveloped in fleecy cumulus clouds. Here on moonlight nights the pictorial effect is grand, the waters of the sound reflecting, with almost photographic minuteness, not only the spiral wreaths of foliage, but the snowy range 200 miles away.

The country is full of lakes. Among these is American lake; famous for the clearness of its water, and its animated bird-life. Here, too, is Lake Washington, the largest body of water in the territory—25 miles long and from three to four miles wide. In its waters Mt. Rainier is clearly reflected. Here, it was once proposed to establish a fresh-water naval station for the American fleet. Its banks yield coal iron and lumber, and the water is deep enough to float the heaviest ships. And so with all these and hundreds of even more rare and interesting scenes; with the facilities for reaching them comfortably increasing each month; with the possession of a flora new and strange and growing in tropical profusion, and a fauna that compare favorably with that of Central Africa in abundance, there is no reason why this region will not very soon become the Mecca of the tourists.

UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES.
 In a few days the construction of a free bridge that is to span the falls, will be commenced; handsome rides and drives in full view of the river are being planned, water works projected and other plans proposed that will create wealth, add beauty to the place and set in motion the elements of progress, civilization and refinement that belong to the model modern community. The emigrant, farmer, mechanic or small capitalist will naturally ask what is back or beyond or at the side of all this for its support, and I answer, 6,000,000 or 8,000,000 acres of fertile land, lying east of the Cascades, capable of producing more wheat and other grain than the same extent of land in any other part of the Union; millions of the finest grazing lands in the world, an inexhaustible supply of timber, a wonderful combination of natural advantages in geographical position, a climate unexcelled, mineral wealth, at this point a water power equal to and which must perform the work of preparing horse comforts for a vast population both at home and abroad. It does not require habits of acute observation to realize the magnitude of these resources; hence we see that there is a greatness and grandeur in the possibilities of future development. For the benefit of those who say that fruit and vegetables do not thrive, let me add that within ten miles of Spoken Falls there are raised apples, peaches, prunes and plums equal in size and flavor to any produced in the Union. In the gardens in and about town are growing and thrifty potatoes, cabbages, onions, beets, tomatoes, carrots, melons and the like, white strawberries, gooseberries and currants are in abundance. The fruit trees are exceedingly thrifty, vigorous, and commenced bearing very young. Here the farmer can find a market for all he can produce and at good prices; butter 35 to 40 cents; eggs 20 cents; vegetables and meats bring a good price.

RAILROAD BUILDING.
 Rapidly the lines of steel are encompassing this domain. It is expected that the road between Portland and the Dalles will be completed in ten months. From Walla Walla to Grange City (fifty-two miles) a road is being constructed; thence to Colfax and Dayton; thence on to Spoken and the Fort Colville country. That Spoken will be in rail communication with the eastern states within thirty months there can be but little doubt. The divisions of the Northern Pacific coast of the Rockies are being rapidly completed. On this side the road will be in running order to Pend d'Oreille by fall. West of the Cascades this national enterprise is being pushed ahead with great vigor. It is probable that the line through the Cascades will be located this season, and it is a very probable prediction that the intersection with the main line will be at Spoken, within thirty miles. I believe that in four years all this region will have an outlet to the sea, a safe harbor, with no stormy bar to dispute a passage oceanward. When one thinks of all the country this road will have to accommodate, of the forests and fields it will pass through, of the produce it will take to market, he begins to have some conception of how great a line of railway it will be, and how much there is of inducement here offered to the immigrant. Spoken must be classed with certain cities on this coast, which will grow relatively faster than heretofore and be transformed through all this development into a business center. For the last six months there has been a continuous vigor and rapidity in its growth, and for all one can see, its future in the hands of men who will lay hold of every opportunity that will contribute to maintain for it a complete domination.

Bulls and Babies by Express.
 "You have been in the business some time?"
 "Yes, I have been at it for twenty-one years."
 "You have seen many wonderful things pass through the office?"
 "I should think so—from a Junco-bird to a two-thousand-pound bull, and many babies than Carter had had."
 "You don't mean live babies?"
 "Yes I do, the regular, sure-enough live babies, and you would think they were live if you had to handle them. We received a boy from Mobile a short time since. He came marked C. O. D., and Mark put him in the wagon, put on the tag, and delivered him to the consignee and collected thirty dollars charges on him. We had application to express a little fellow to Atlanta yesterday, and Monday he will be sent through."
 "Well, that's something new?"
 "No, it is not; you see it's cheaper to express them than it is to go and carry them. The baby business is common. We often send and receive snakes, dogs, and most anything else you can name. Speaking of the bull reminds me that it is the first time I ever saw Henderson 'decline a horn'. The bovine was out in the yard and not in a very good humor, and when Henderson went out the bull made a dash at him, and the horn was at once declined."
 "No Good Preaching."
 No man can do a good job of work, preach a good sermon, try a law suit, well, doctor a patient, or write a good article when he feels miserable and dull, with sluggish brain and unsteady nerves, and none should make the attempt in such a condition when it can be so easily and cheaply removed by a little Fox Bitters.—(Albany Times, Aug 1st)

balls and lower parts of the stalks have turned yellow, and the seeds have turned slightly brown, and the lower leaves have dropped off; it is ready to harvest. At this stage it will not cut as easily as wheat. Be careful not to cut before ripe. Urutrie seed cannot be properly filled out, and must fall short in weight. Use a smooth knife in your reaper. Cut high—only low enough to get all the balls.

Second, shocking—Set it up as soon as cut, in galleys. It may be handled the same as barley, or buckwheat; but better still, bind with a self-binder and shock the same as wheat. This treatment makes threshing easy and pays well.

Third, stacking—Flax cures very fast, and in good drying weather may be stacked the day after cutting. Don't wait a day after it is ready, for a threshing machine or anything else, but stack, stack, if you want to save your crop. Build a good, solid stack, always keeping full in the center—hands in and butts out—and top cut with practice hay. Stacks must not be disturbed for two or three weeks, or more, until the flax is through the "sweat," which leaves the seed heavier and better.

Fourth, threshing—The "Vibrator" and "Minnesota Chief" are considered the best flax threshers; but good work is also done with the Case and other makes, with flax attachments.

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DOUBLE ELOPEMENT.

Four Hearts that Now Beat as Two.

Cincinnati Enquirer.
 Lawrenceburg, Ind., was thrown into a fever of excitement Tuesday morning by the announcement of a double elopement. The affair was all the more interesting from the fact that two of the contracting parties were from the "upper ten" society circle of the city. Mr. John B. Garnier is a wealthy and well known brewer of that city. He has but two children. In view of the fact that they would some day come in possession of his magnificent fortune, amounting to nearly \$200,000, he was very vigilant in guarding their matrimonial inclinations, and was determined to secure for them life partners equal both in wealth and position. That he was doomed to disappointment is shown in the following sequel.

For some time past Miss Annie M. Garnier, his daughter, who is now at the charming age of eighteen, has been keeping the company of Mr. Victor Oberling, a poor and worthy young man, who held a position on the police force of the city. This courtship was carried on secretly, and without the knowledge of her father.

John B. Garnier, Jr., the other child, who has just arrived at the age of manhood, was probably influenced by the thought that his share of his father's estate would be sufficient to enable him, with the assistance of a frail partner, to battle with the hardships of life successfully. He found such a partner in Miss Magdalena Kiltan, a very respectable young lady of Lawrenceburg. This courtship was also carried on without the consent of his father.

As both son and daughter were violating the rules and regulations laid down by their parents it is but natural that they sought each other for consolation, as misery loves company. During their conversation they became acquainted with the way matters stood and determined to consummate their happiness by an elopement and marriage.

All the necessary preliminary arrangements were made and last evening was set as the time for the happy consummation of the dearest desire of four loving hearts. The respective lovers of each of the heirs was notified of the arrangement, and everything was ready for the adjustment of the marriage halter.

The lovers, fearing discovery, hastened proceedings and determined to leave Monday night. A friend was dispatched at eleven o'clock at night to awaken the deputy clerk and get him to issue a license. Miss Garnier knew nothing of the change of programme and her brother undertook to acquaint her of the fact. He entered her room stealthily and awakened her by a violent shake. She opened her eyes, and seeing a man in her room, gave a wild scream, which awakened the household. Her brother explained matters, and seizing her valise, which had previously been packed, bade her to follow him. She put on a wrapper, and in her bare feet escaped from the room just as her father entered to ascertain the cause of her outcry. He was terribly frightened to find his daughter missing, and started for the police, offering large sums of money for the capture of his lost child. In the meantime his children had joined the partners of their flight, and with a few friends were dodging down alleys and up dark streets to evade pursuit, Miss Garnier reached the residence of the mayor of the city, who hastily united them in marriage, after which they entered a carriage and were driven to the city hall, where, in the presence of the mayor and a number of citizens, they were solemnly wedded.

Mr. Garnier, who had been doing everything in his power to prevent the elopement, was afterward informed of what had occurred. It is thought that after a few days' reflection, he will accept the new departure gracefully.

The fleeing couple came to this city yesterday, and from here left for Memphis, where both of the grooms have obtained employment.

Not For a Fortune.
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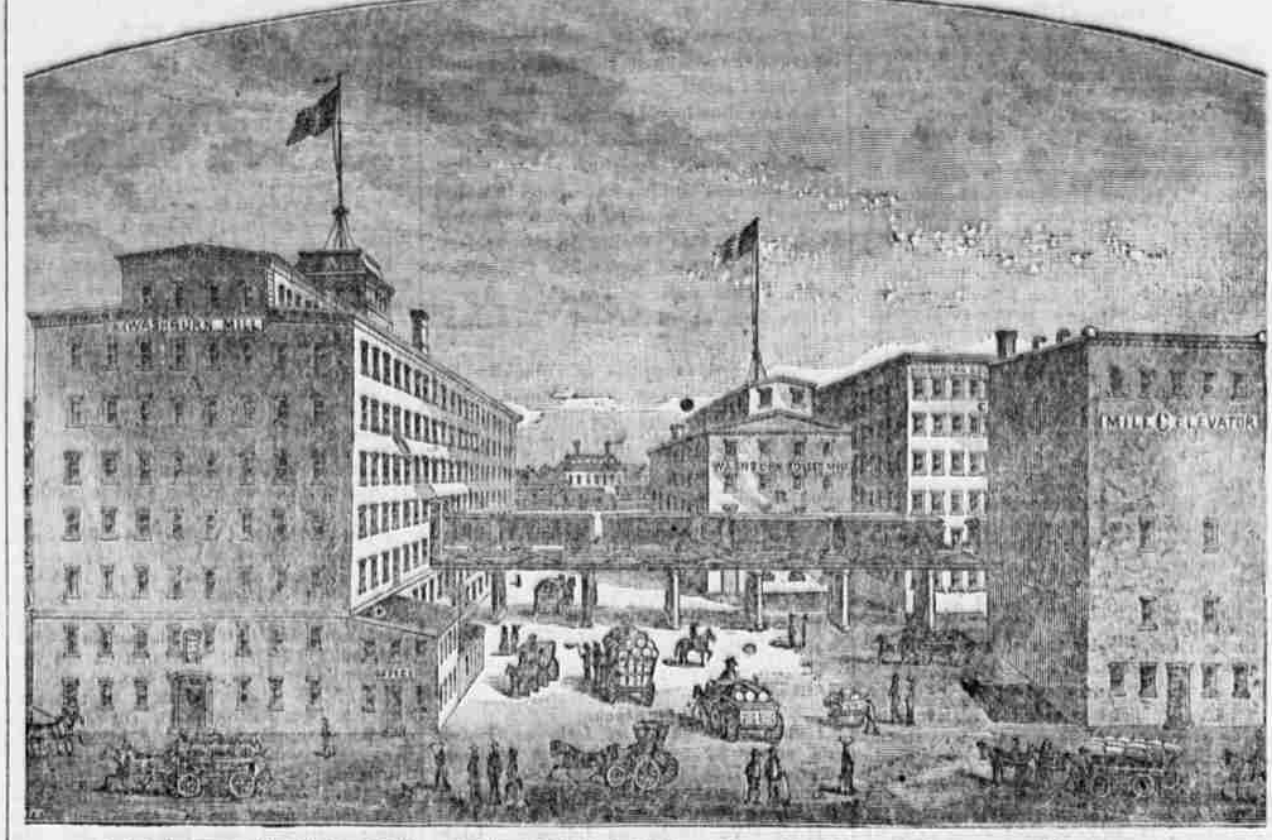
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