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This paper presents the history of Thorp, Washington, from its beginning to 1901. The study covers settlement, economic development, educational facilities, occupations, land use, road construction, and cultural characteristics of this area. It is presented in a chronological format with a topical table of contents for easy reference. A list of taped interviews is included in the appendix.

Recommendations included use as a resource for teachers and students in the elementary and secondary school of Ellensburg, Washington.

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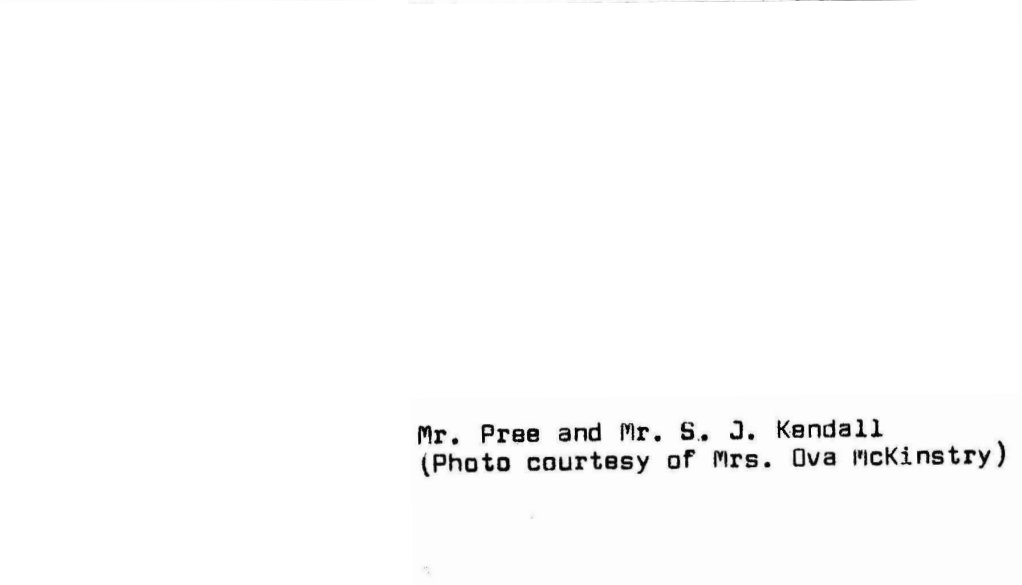
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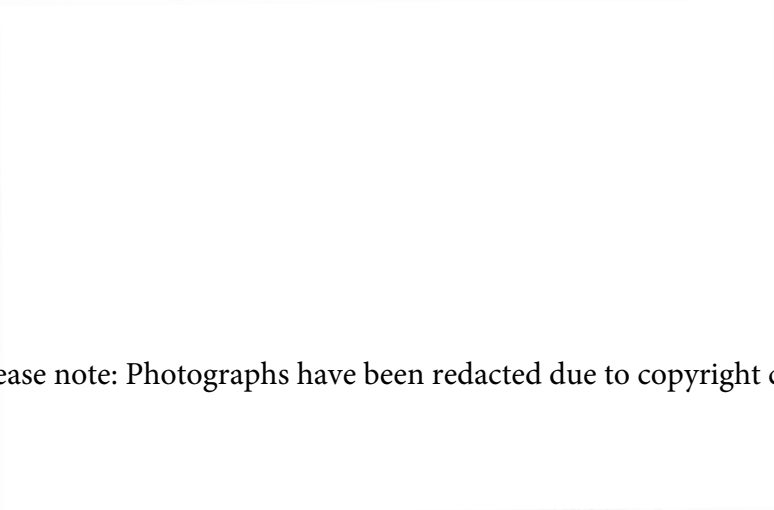


J. L. Mills' Saw Mill
(Photo courtesy of Mr. Lloyd Hatfield)



Mr. Free and Mr. S. J. Kendall
(Photo courtesy of Mrs. Ova McKinstry)

North Star Mill



Thorp Church
of Christ

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courtesy of
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McKinstry)

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Antwin and Lucy
Bertram

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Ice Pond: Horses
and Barn

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Ice Pond: Tramway
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Ice Pond: Scraping
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John Yearwood's Baler

John Yearwood's Baler
(steam engine)
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Morrison and Hatfield
Baler

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Tanum School House
(arrow)

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J. E. Veach's Store

Tanum House, J. F. Duncan, Proprietor, Thorp, Washington.— Photo by J. R. Mahoney.

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INTRODUCTION

REASON FOR STUDY

To persons without experience, the chronicling of events covering hardly more than three decades, some of it within the memories of living people, may seem an easy task, but let the attempt be made and this illusion will quickly disappear. There is no way known to the writer of discovering the full truth in regard to events which happened years ago other than to find printed contemporaneous accounts, which, even when this is possible, we can't be sure that we are in possession of absolutely reliable information, for contemporaneous writers often err or view events with eyes partially blinded by prejudice and partisan bias (18).

We can look to the early pioneer, where remarkable memory recalls events with outstanding vividness. But so often it seldom takes note of initials, dates, the spelling of names and other minute items essential to the historian's purpose.

Also, where there is a multiplicity of conflicting authorities, the task of weighing the relative value to be attached to each and of arriving at the truth or a close approximation thereto, is always a delicate one. Therefore, it is hoped that the reader will realize that these being the difficulties under which this work was prepared and presented, it cannot be entirely free from historical errors. It is, however, the result of painstaking research, and I hope that it will, in part, at least meet the expectations of those who have given it

their time and encouragement.

TIME PERIOD

The Pacific Northwest being one of the last frontiers to be explored, caused the Kittitas Valley to have its history of settlement documented in the later annals of United States history. White men first started traveling through the Kittitass, as it was called then, in the mid-nineteenth century. It wasn't long after the initial taste of beauty of the Kittitass before hardy pioneers began to view the valley as an ideal location for ranching and farming. As the population increased so did the need for supplies, and businesses were established to meet this need. Merchants built in close proximity to each other and towns were platted around them. Thus the valley began to take on the shape in which we find it today.

Thorp was one of these small towns of the Kittitass. Beginning as an organized venture around 1895, it lived its exciting and colorful youth with visions of grandeur and future prominence in the flow of life in the Kittitass. This dream was partially realized during the rapid growth of the early twentieth century, but was quickly dispelled as sister towns became the focal point for trade, industry, and cultural developments. Still, Thorp's part, and that of its surrounding area, is a very real and important part of the history of the Kittitass. No study of Kittitass Valley History can be complete without including lives and events from Thorp and its surrounding area.

This research does not intend to be a complete and comprehensive history of Thorp, but to present its beginning and growth up to shortly after the turn of the century. The history of Thorp beyond

the scope of this study is somewhat revealed in a collection of taped interviews which are available from the author. A complete list of these tapes is found in Appendix A.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

As I stated earlier, the vivid memories of the early pioneer present some of the most exciting information obtainable but are, unfortunately, susceptible to error. They served as the morsel that "whetted my appetite," so to speak, in this case, for it was through talking with early settlers of the Thorp area that I became interested in its colorful past. At the same time I became increasingly aware of the lack of organized information on this subject. Consequently, I set upon the task in which I now find myself, that of compiling a somewhat organized history of Thorp and the immediate surrounding area.

I am greatly indebted to the many wonderful people who have so graciously given of their time to visit with me about early historical events. Their inspiration and encouragement were primary reasons for this research being done. A complete list of these fine people is included in the bibliography.

Early editions of The Ellensburgh Dawn, The Ellenburgh Localizer, and The Ellensburg Record have proved of tremendous importance in gathering the information for this study. Many early histories of the Northwest, Washington Territory, and Kittitas County were used as well as business ledgers and personal correspondences of the early pioneers. Photographs were donated by many residents and copied for this study. These are greatly appreciated and credit for these is given below each photograph.

USES OF THIS STUDY

Filling a gap in the recorded history of our valley can be important in many ways. But two stand out as of primary importance to this study. First, there is a need to record for generations to come the lives and events that made Kittitass the prosperous valley that it is today.

Secondly, and very much related to the first reason, is the fact that our schools are conducting courses of study on Kittitas Valley History. There is a definite need for more information to use in this area. In talking with instructors for these courses I have found that they are eager to have new written material pertaining to the history of the Kittitas Valley. Of primary need is information concerning the area known as the Westside, west of the Yakima River. Most written work has been limited to the general vicinity of the City of Ellensburg, with little or no attention being given to the outlying area. Since the Westside is a fairly large area and my primary interest is the town of Thorp and the land immediately surrounding it, I have researched this. I have hopes of providing some of the much-needed resource material for the above-mentioned public school courses.

The way this material is to be incorporated into a course of study is subject to the decisions of the instructor. But there are a few suggestions that may be of some benefit. This can be a teacher resource when used by third grade teachers to enhance their program, or as reference material for students to use directly, when part of a high school course of study. The chronological progression of settlement, crop raising, livestock raising, irrigation, transportation, consumer product prices, occupations, and businesses are a few topics

of research that can be dealt with. This research study deals with the above areas and many more. Thus it could be extremely beneficial as a curriculum resource in both elementary and secondary schools in Kittitas County.

Chapter 1

EARLY EXPLORERS OF THE KITTITASS

The Indians had a well-worn trail when the first white people began coming into the valley of the Yakima in 1863 (55:107). The first immigration train to pass through the Kittitass was that of 1853, to which David Longmire belonged. During that same year the McClellan survey was in progress. Two years later Charles Splawn passed through the Kittitass. It was then entirely an Indian country except for the residence of a Catholic priest in the Manashtash at what later became the Barnes place. In 1855-56, during the great Indian War, troops of white soldiers passed through, and there was much movement of Indian warriors in each direction. According to A. J. Splawn, in 1860 a trading post was located by Hald and Meigs of The Dalles at the Manashtash Ford. This was to supply the needs of the miners bound to the Similkameen. This post was maintained for a few months only. Mr. Splawn himself was in the Kittitass area in 1861 on the way to the mines with cattle. He gives a picturesque account:

It was on the fourth-day out that we came to the beautiful Kittitass Valley. This valley, as it looked that day to me, a boy of sixteen, was the loveliest spot I had ever seen. To the west stood the great Cascade Range; to the north rose the snow-capped peaks of the Peshastin to guard the beautiful valley below, where the Yakima River wound its way full length, while from the mountains on the north flowed numerous small streams, and the whole plain was covered with a thick coat of grass. Sage hens and prairie chickens and jack rabbits were on all sides. The song birds were singing a sweet lullaby to the departing day and the howl of the coyote was borne on the evening breeze.

As we gazed on this lovely sight, I wondered how long it would be before the smoke would be curling from pioneer homes, for there the settler would find a paradise (24:564).

1863

Charles Splawn and Dulcina Thorp married in the first wedding of the Yakima Valley, at Fort Simcoe. Father Wilbur was the officiating clergyman (24:784).

1868

June 16. Tillman Houser came across the Cascade Mountains by the Snoqualmie Pass from Renton near Seattle and took a preemption claim on Coleman Creek (24:566).

Fall. Tillman Houser returned to Renton and brought back a small band of cattle (24:566).

August. Charles Splawn and Dulcina (Thorp) Splawn located a place on Tanum Creek. Mrs. Splawn is noted as the first white woman in the Kittitass Valley (24:566).

Tillman Houser made another return trip to Renton and brought back his wife and children and the first family of the Kittitass was established (24:566).

1869

A daughter, Viola, born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Splawn at their place on the Tanum Creek. This is stated in the History of Central Washington to have been the first white child born in the Kittitass. This is disputed by some who say that the birth of twins to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Davern occurred in 1869 before that of Viola

Splawn. Margin notes state that Viola was born March, 1869, and the Davern twins on August 14, 1869 (24:566).

Spring. F. M. Thorp settled on Tanem Creek.

1870

Dulcina Splawn died (24:566).

1872

Charles Splawn, as Justice of the Peace, performed the first wedding ceremony in the Kittitass, that of Charles Coleman and Clara Cooke (24:784).

1873

Charles Splawn and Melissa Thorp (sister of his first wife and daughter of Fielden Mortimer Thorp) married (24:566).

1882

J. M. Newman settled on the land which was to eventually be the location of Thorp, Washington (16:189).

Chapter 2

HOMESTEADS-PATENTS

Northern Pacific Railway Company was given land grants to every other section (44:A316).

1875, November 15: Antwin Bertram - E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4 T18 R17
173 29/100 acres (44:A129). (see illustration p. x).

1876, June 13: Jacob R. Forgey - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23 T18 R18 160 acres (44:A371).

1876, June 30: John Thorp - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5 T18 R17 - 186 89/100 acres
(44:A128).

1880, November 20: Fielden M. Thorp - W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4 T18 R16 - 93
76/100 acres (44:A122).

1881, November 1: William A. Stevens - S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30;
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29 T18 R18 160 acres (44:A46).

1882, March 13: Charles A. Splawn - W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34
T19 R17 160 acres (44:A92).

1882, March 13: S. T. Packwood - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24 T18 R17 160 acres (44:A347)

1882, June 13: James Veteto - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10 T18 R17 40 acres (44:A316)

1882, June 13: Richard Mann - Lot 4 Sec. 6 T18 R17 - 50 54/100 acres
(44:B5).

1882, December 1: G. H. Fance - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24 T18 R17
80 acres (44:A339).

1882, December 1: William Stevens - N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30 T18 R18 80 acres
(44:A350).

- 1883, February 3: Antwin Bertram - S½ NE¼: Lots 1,2 Sec. 4 T18 R17
185 17/100 acres (44:A320).
- 1883, May 5: Alec Bertram - NW¼ Sec. 2 T18 R17 160 acres (59).
- 1884, June 5: John Forgey - W½ SW¼ Sec. 10 T18 R17 80 acres (39:A5).
- 1887, January 18: John C. Ellison - NE¼ Sec. 14 T18 R17 160 acres
(39:A7).
- 1887, May 5: Joseph H. Davis - E½ SW¼ Sec. 10 T18 R17 80 acres (59).
- 1888, April 25: George W. Splawn - NE¼ SW¼, NW¼ SE¼, Lots 3-4 Sec. 30
T19 R17 - 153 7/100 acres (39:A231).
- 1888, August 18: Thomas Ellison N½ NE¼, E½ SE¼, Sec. 34 T19 R17 160
acres (39:A235).
- 1888, September: Albert Forgey - N½ SE¼ Sec. 10 T18 R17 80 acres
(39:A64) to William Forgey 6/14/90 according to (59).
- 1888, September 29: Alanson T. Mason - S½ SE¼ Sec. 11; SW¼ SW¼ Sec. 12;
NW¼ NW¼ Sec. 13 T18 R17 (39:A34).
- 1889, July 15: Albert Hutchinson - S½ SW¼, NE¼ SW¼, SW¼ SE¼ Sec. 2
T18 R17 160 acres (14:A41).
- 1891, July 7: Milford A. Thorp - SW¼ NW¼, SE¼ NW¼ Sec. 11, T18 R17
(59).
- 1893, April 18: Lorenzo Kellicut - NE¼ Sec. 10 T18 R17 160 acres (59).
- 1894, March 15: John Yearwood - E½ SE¼, SW¼ SE¼, SE¼ SW¼ Sec. 20
T19 R17 160 acres (39:A166).
- 1894, August 10: Charles Stevens - S½ NW¼, SW¼ NE¼, NW¼ SE¼ Sec. 32
T18 R18 160 acres (39:A138).
- 1894, November 17: William R. Crawford - S½ SE¼, SW¼ NE¼, NW¼ SE¼
Sec. 28 T19 R17 160 acres (39:A231).
- 1896, January 16: N. P. R. R. Co. - N½ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼, N½ NW¼, SW¼,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11 T18 R17 (59).

1896, December 26: William Mattox - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26 T19 R16 160 acres
(39:A247).

1897, February 8: Reuben Pardee - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11 T18 R17
80 acres (39:A170).

1898, April 25: Eugene E. Ellison - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12 T19 R16 160 acres
(39:A238).

1898, April 25: Nancy C. Bond - N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32
T19 R17 160 acres (39:A188).

1898, October 13: David O. Evans - E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30
T19 R17 160 acres (39:A194).

Chapter 3

PLAT OF THORP

When the Northern Pacific Railway built their line through the Kittitas Valley, the management built a sidetrack out one mile west of the present site of the town. They called it Thorp, after the old settler, Mortimer Thorp. In 1895 the station was moved and the town was laid out near the new location. The land embraced in the original townsite was owned by Frank W. Martin, M. A. Thorp (son of Mortimer Thorp), and J. M. Newman (3:366). According to the Plat of Thorp, date July 10, 1895, the land was owned "in fee simple" by John M. and Sarah Isabel Newman (63:98). On July 16, 1895, a sale was recorded between J. M. Newman and M. A. Thorp for lots 5 through 12 of Block 1, and between Newman and Frank W. Martin for lots 1 through 4 and 17 through 23, Block 1, in the Plat of Thorp (60). This leads the author to feel that possibly part of the land on which Thorp was platted may have been deeded to J. M. Newman by M. A. Thorp and Frank Martin in consideration of the aforementioned lots to be exchanged after the town was platted.

The plat was dedicated in the name of J. M. Newman and named Thorp after the early settler here, Mortimer Thorp, to conform to the station already established by the railroad company (3:366).

OWNERSHIPS

Block 1 (60)

	Date Filed
Lots 1-4: J. M. Newman sold to Frank W. Martin	July 16, 1895
to George B. Green	January 13, 1896
to N. E. Sandel	June 19, 1897
to Horace Hutchinson	February 18, 1902
Lots 1-2: to Lizzie F. Enger	
Lots 5-12: J. M. Newman sold to M. A. Thorp	July 16, 1895
to F. B. Rigby	March 5, 1900
Lot 5: F. B. Rigby sold to J. E. Veach	April 21, 1900
Lots 13-16: J. M. Newman sold to John E. Veach	April 7, 1896
Lots 17-23: J. M. Newman sold to Frank W. Martin	July 16, 1895
to George B. Green	January 13, 1896
to N. E. Sandel	June 19, 1897
to Everett E. Southern	January 26, 1901

Block 2 (60)

Lots 1-3: J. M. Newman sold to Laura A. Serley	
for \$90	December 11, 1901
to A. T. Mason for \$600 (20)	December 11, 1901
to Thomas Moss for \$600 (20)	September 13, 1902
Lots 7-10: J. M. Newman sold to J. S. Bell	May 7, 1901
Lots 11-17: J. M. Newman to Alfred St. John	October 12, 1905
to A. B. Werner for \$1800 (20)	
Lot 18: J. M. Newman sold to Wilbur D. Glaze for	
\$30 (20)	November 4, 1895

Date Filed

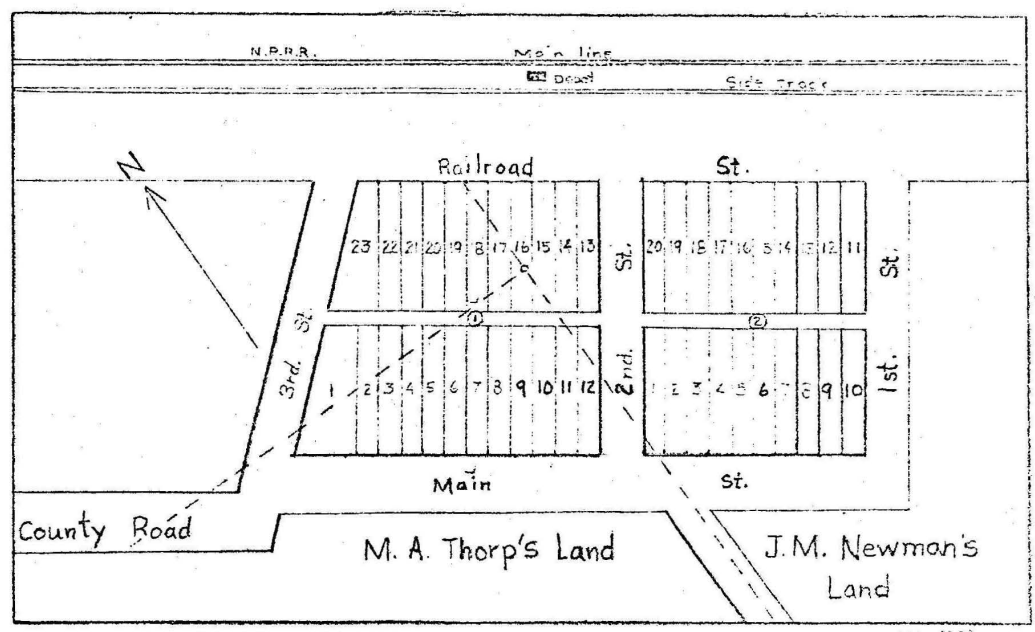
to Osborn and Goodwin for \$65 (20) June 4, 1896

R. M. Osborn sold to N. L. Goodwin May 27, 1903

Lots 19-20: J. M. Newman sold to N. L. Goodwin for \$100 (20) June 4, 1896

MAP OF PLAT OF THORP

(Showing Blocks Land 2 and Individual Lots) (63)



Chapter 4

THORP'S FIRST ADDITION TO THORP

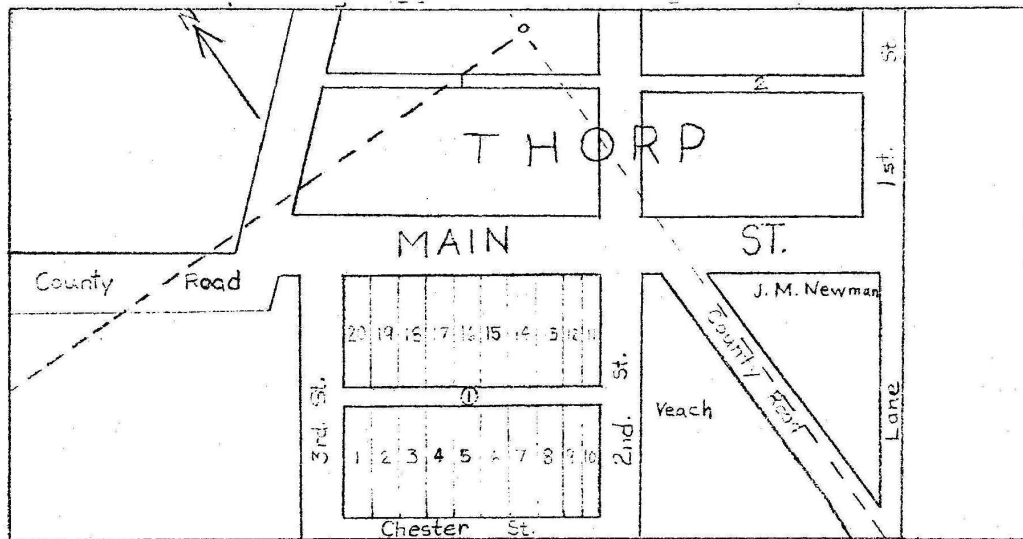
In the Plat of Thorp's first addition to the town of Thorp it is stated that Milford A. Thorp and Amanda Thorp are owners in Fee Simple of the land embraced in the first addition. This plat was filed May 1, 1900 (63:97).

OWNERSHIPS

Block 1 (60)

	Date Filed
Lots 1-5: M. A. Thorp sold to Frederick Lowe	February 30, 1901
Lots 2, 3 and a fraction of 4 (West 24 feet) to Horace Lowe	January 25, 1902
Lots 6-10: M. A. Thorp sold to Reuben Pardee	May 14, 1900
Lots 11-12: M. A. Thorp sold to William Dulin	October 8, 1901
Lot 13: M. A. Thorp sold to Amanda E. Bounds	April 22, 1902
Lots 14-15: M. A. Thorp sold to Reuben Pardee	April 5, 1902
Lots 19-20: M. A. Thorp sold to Katherine Schele	October 24, 1901

MAP OF THORP'S FIRST ADDITION TO THORP
(Showing Block 1 and Individual Lots) (63)



Chapter 5

ROADS IN AND AROUND THORP

DURR BRIDGE AND TANEM CREEK COUNTY ROAD (17)

1884

February 5. Established with a length of 8.9 miles.

May 6. Resurveyed by J. R. Wallace, Surveyor in Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington Territory.

Names of land owners along the line of the Durr Bridge and Tanem Creek County Road

Jake Stone	John Ellison
Mr. Parish	A. W. Hayworth
Jake Rego	M. Lettitoe
Ed Rego	Bill Forgie
J. F. Stevens	J. L. Mills
Mr. Newman	D. B. Southern
H. Page	Seward Southern
John Page	F. W. Thorp

Durr Bridge crossed the Yakima River west of Ellensburg and is presently called the Upper River Bridge.

1896, November 21

Floods: Upper Bridge was done for and Lower Bridge couldn't last long (53).

1897, February 13

The new bridge across the Yakima where the old Durr Bridge stood is almost, if not entirely, completed. Cost: \$4950.44 (53).

ELLISON AND BRIGGS ROAD (7)

1888, February 3

The Ellison and Briggs Road commences at the southeast corner of Sec. 14 T18 R17 and runs 1½ miles north, thence northwest to the bridge across Mill's Millrace near William Brigg's house, thence up the millrace to the Yakima River, thence up the Yakima River to Indian Abe's Ford across the Yakima River, thence up the Yakima River to the mouth of Crook Canyon, thence up the canyon to summit of the hill, thence across the hill, thence due north to the County Road from Ellensburg to Swauk.

By John C. Ellison

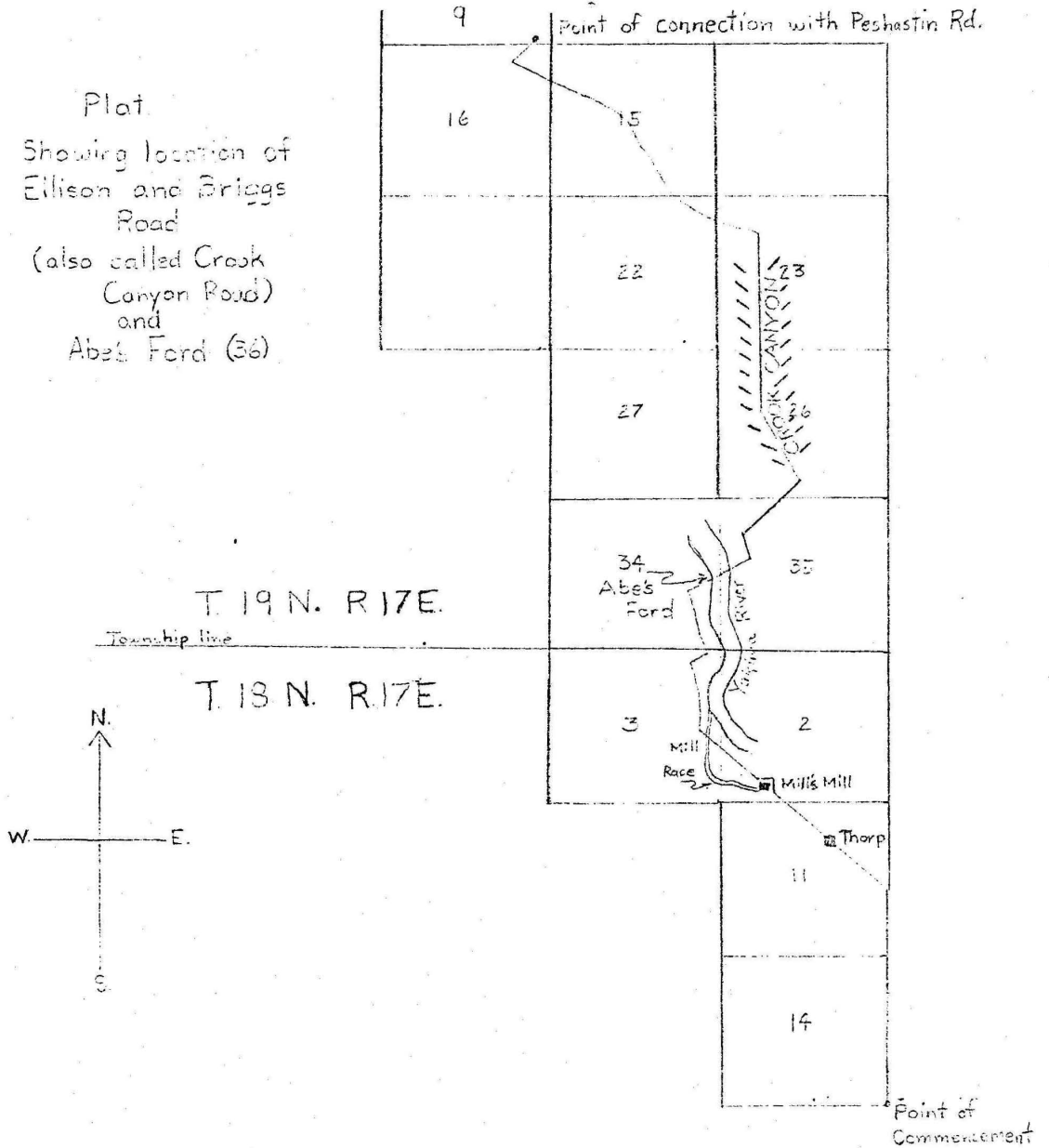
List of land owners adjoining the line of Crook Canyon to Mill's Mill Road

J. Newman	G. W. Ellison
J. Stevens	Thomas Ellison
J. Ellison	Indian Abe
J. Goodwin	J. L. Mills
Mr. Mason	O. Hutchinson
James L. McGinnis	J. McMurray

Each petitioner (not above list) performed two (2) days labor on the road.

MAP SHOWING ELLISON AND BRIGG RD. AND ABE'S FORD

Plat
Showing location of
Ellison and Briggs
Road
(also called Creek
Canyon Road)
and
Abes Ford (36)



HAYWARD, WALTER C. ROAD (7)

June 20, 1895, these land owners petitioned for the construction of Hayward, Walter c. Road:

Walter C. Hayward	W. N. Briggs
R. Pardee	Indian Lucy
G. W. Gordon	L. Kellicutt
Horton Crandell	Elmer E. Goodwin
F. W. Martin	J. L. Mills
J. M. Newman	R. Waters
F. P. Hutchinson	M. M. Richardson
J. E. Veach	James A. Stevens
Melford Thorp	C. A. Snyder
James Mason	Lavina-Indian
Mr. McCallum	H. S. Yielding
M. C. Ballard	J. N. Friend
S. F. Ellison	

The petitioners agreed to pay the cost of \$96.14 to get the road opened. By October 8, 1896, they had paid \$74.14.

The Hayward, Walter C. Road commences at a point on the Ellison and Briggs County Road where said road turns east to cross the Yakima River at Abe's Ford, thence following the right bank of the Yakima River to a point opposite to that known as the White Bluffs, thence crossing the river and in a general northwesterly direction to the point near the northwest corner of Sec. 34 T18 R17. Thence in a general Northerly direction to the intersection of the said Ellison and Briggs County Road with the Peshastin Country Road. Said Road to be 40 feet in width.

During construction of the Hayward, Walter C. Road, Flora Splawn, wife of Charles Splawn, filed and signed a claim for Lonna Wynaco (Indian) of \$50.00 for relocating a fence and purchasing a 60-foot strip of right-of-way which was $1/3$ of an acre.

1897

July 17. Bids for bridge above Thorp were received (53).

August 14. There was a dance, August 14, at Thorp. Proceeds therefrom were to be used in the bridge building (53).

September 17. Schwingler and Coffin have the reputation of being the best bridge builders in Central Washington. We presume that is why they got the contract to build the Thorp Bridge across the Yakima River for \$812.50 (64).

November 19. The county commissioners accepted the Thorp Bridge at their meeting last week (64).

WALLACE ROAD (7)

1886, May 3

The Wallace Road commenced at Tanum Creek Bridge at F. M. Thorp's through H. L. Wallace's land claim to Sm Pressyes land claim, thence to the Preston Ranch.

1898, July 22

A change of road petition was filed by W. I. Splawn, William Mattox, and John Yearwood.

HUTCHENS ROAD OR ELLISON ROAD #93 (7)

1897

The name was changed to Tanum Road. The spelling has changed several times throughout the years--Tannum, Taenum, Tanem, Taneum.

1899, December 8

Road up the Tanum is completed and progress by wagon is much better than by horse (64).

STICK'S FORD ROAD (7)

1874

Originally established around this date.

1884, August 5

5.6 miles established as Stick's Ford Road. Sticks Ford was the point at which you crossed the Yakima River southeast of Thorp.

PARDEE ROAD (7)

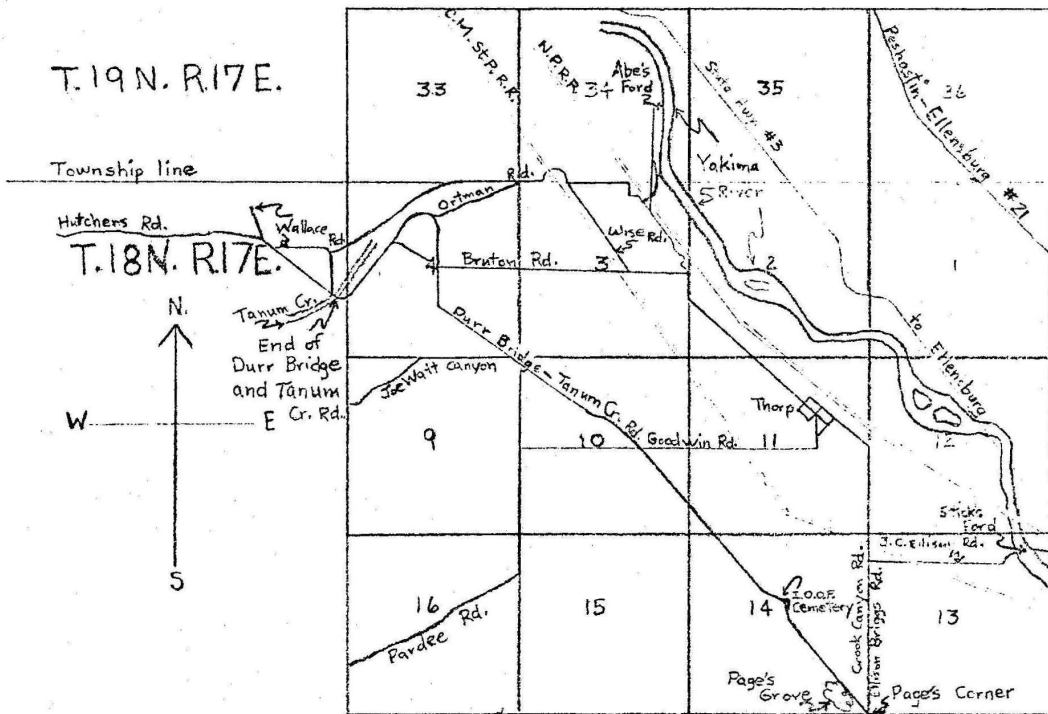
1886, February

Plat and survey filed for a road 40 feet in width starting on line road between land owned by J. M. Newman and Milford A. Thorp (road shown on map of Plat of Thorp on page 14 of this report) thence south to boundary of land owned by Reuben Pardee (later owned by John Yearwood) thence west along boundary of land owned by John Forgey and others to line between sections 9 and 10 T18 R17, thence south along said line to a point south of corners of sections 9, 10, 15, 16, and on the line between sections 15 and 16, thence westerly along canyon. Pardee and Newman put up \$200.00 to establish Pardee Road.

1899, April 5

John C. Waggoner filed a petition for vacating the section of the Pardee Road which ran up Waggoner Canyon, commencing from the boundary line between sections 15 and 16 T18 R17.

MAP SHOWING ROADS OF THE THORP AREA WHICH WERE MENTIONED IN TEXT (62)



Chapter 6

BUSINESSES IN THORP

GENERAL MERCHANTS

1893

April 15. Fine boots and shoes at Veach's (51) (see illustration, p. xii).

May 13. G. B. Greene shipped 44 barrels of flour to Ellensburg last week from the North Star Mill (51).

J. E. Veach sold store and contents to Frank Martin of Ellensburg. Mr. Veach is taking his family back to Michigan (51).

1895

May 25. Mr. Frank Martin replenished his stock at Ellensburg (53).

1896

January 18. Mr. Frank Martin has sold his entire establishment to George Greene of Ellensburg (53).

January 25. The Thorp Jubilee Band gives a free entertainment at The Corner Grocery nearly every evening. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Come early and avoid the rush (53).

February 8. J. E. Veach, our clothing merchant, is going to erect a new barn on his property here (53).

February 22. Goodwin and Osborn shipped a carload of apples on Wednesday (53).

February 29. Thorp is very much in need of sidewalks. Who will be the first to move in this direction? (53)

March 21. J. E. Veach is improving the streets lately (53).

April 11. Just cast your optics on that beautiful sidewalk. When hoops become fashionable again, the "goody" young man will be compelled to walk in the ditch while his sweetheart walks on the sidewalk, because there will not be room for both (53).

1897

June 26. Agent Greene of Easton bought interest in the Green merchantile business in Thorp (53).

George Green sold his business to R. E. Sandell and A. C. Greene of Easton (64).

1898

March 4. Mr. Jack Osborn, one of the prominent businessmen on this place, has sold his interest in the hardware store and is going to take up farming as he has bought a 50 acre tract of land from M. A. Thorp (64).

April 15. F. J. Mossman, of Tacoma, has purchased the grocery store formerly owned by Green and Sandell (64).

June 3. Mr. Mossman is going to put in a stock of drugs (64).

December 23. We are glad to see that we have one more new

sidewalk in town (64).

1899

March 24. Last Monday, N. L. Goodwin took possession of the grocery store he purchased from F. J. Mossman. Mr. Mossman moved to Tacoma (64).

Rumor has it that J. E. Veach will soon add to his store a new stock of groceries (64).

May 12. Go to Thorp and get a sack of salt from Veach. It's A No. 1, no lime about and priced the lowest (64).

June 9. The residences of J. E. Veach and Mr. Scoville of Thorp were entered by robbers Thursday night. They got all the pie and cake they could eat for some time at Mr. Veach's place and \$3.00 at Mr. Scoville's (64).

June 23. David Gregory was in Ellensburg Saturday to ship up a load of mowers and binders. He says the agency will be conducted from Thorp only this year (64).

George B. Green has bought the hardware, grocery and patent medicine stock of N. L. Goodwin at Thorp. Mr. Green is one of those big hearted, clever and accomodating people and will make a success of his undertakings (64).

October 13. E. C. Hartle, of Thorp, has on exhibition in J. E. Veach's store in Thorp, a squash that weighs 95½ lbs. Mr. Veach, being one of the most enterprising merchants in Kittitas County, has

offered six valuable prizes to the ones guessing nearest the number of seeds that it contains. There are three prizes to the ladies and three to the gentlemen. The only condition being that each cash purchaser to the extent of \$1.00 is allowed to guess (64).

1901

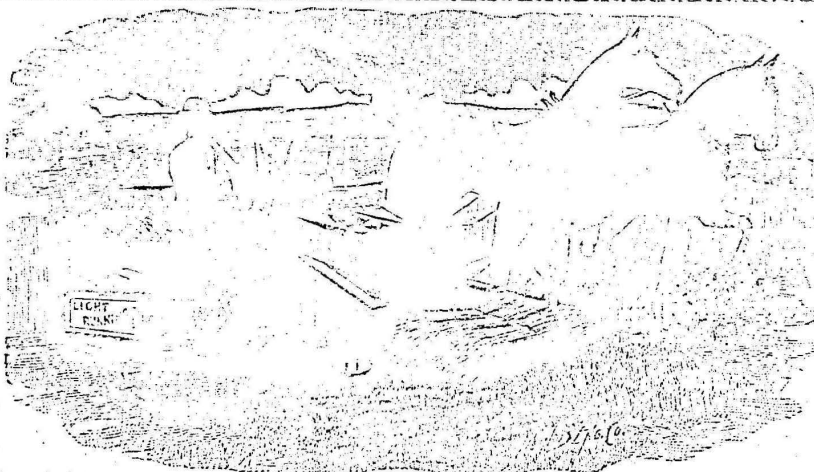
May 31. A. M. Green is of the firm Green and Southern of Thorp. R. M. Osborn is general state agent for the Jones Mowers, binders, and hay rakes (64).

The JONES

Chain Driver
—AND—
Verticle Lift
MOWER.

*Jones Lever Binder,
None Better.*

THE JONES—
—HAY RAKE.



This machinery is the best on the market and all we ask is a careful examination of our machines before you buy elsewhere. Our headquarters is at Thorp, but we will have a man in Ellensburg every Wednesday and Saturday to sell machines and explain the working in detail. T. B. Lambson & Son of Ellensburg will handle repairs and extras for these machines.

GREEN & SOUTHERN,

Thorp and Ellensburg.
R. M. Osborn Ast. State Agt. Thorp, Wash.

(64)

May 10. The little village of Thorp, nine miles up the road, is one of the nicest little places in Central Washington. It is quiet,

no saloons to mar the pleasure of the inhabitants, has a good church, a good public school building, a saw mill and a good flouring mill, both of which are operated by waterpower, a manufacturing establishment - land roller and box factory, and in fact you can get about all the accommodations in Thorp you can get in many towns of much larger populations. We are glad Thorp is in Kittitas County (64).

BUTCHER SHOP

February 8, 1901

Earnest Barnett and W. D. Morrison are putting up a new building for a meat market, and the boys promise to have plenty of fresh meats on hand this week (64).

BLACKSMITHS

May 27, 1893

J. M. Newman is now prepared to do all kinds of blacksmith work (51) (see illustration, p. xi).

March 24, 1899

Newman and Son busy sharpening plows for farmers (64).

April 12, 1901

"The Newman Land Roller" is manufactured at Thorp by the Thorp Manufacturing Company. There were eight sold last Saturday (64).

HOTELS

1893

Alfred St. John established the first hotel in Thorp (3:366).

December 21, 1895

Hotel St. John is now open to the traveling public. First class rooms; meals at all hours; kind attention given to all. Two blocks south of post office (53).

January 11, 1896

The St. John Brothers have dissolved partnership in the new hotel. Mr. Alfred St. John will attend to business hereafter (53).

September 17, 1897

Mr. St. John of Thorp, has established a hotel in that city and he calls it the "Thorp House." When you go to that city stop at his house and you will be nicely entertained (64).

October 2, 1897

Al St. John swung his hotel sign to the breeze in Thorp this week. Al knows just how to set up a good table (64).

1903

J. F. Duncan built the Tanum House, Thorp's second hotel (3:366). (see illustration, p. xii).

BARBERS

1896

March 14. Empty is the barber shop - gone to Idaho (53).

1899

September 22. Mr. George Gorden is running a barber shop in a building opposite the post office. We now have nearly all trades represented in our little village (64).

November 24. Barber shop still continues to prosper (64).

1901

May 17. A. J. Schele is the proprietor of the Thorp Barber Shop and Cigar Stand (64). The barber shop in Thorp is swelling up like a "pizen" pup and waltzing to the front. A. J. Schele is an energetic and progressive citizen and will make his mark in this world (64).

SALOONS

1896

January 18. The petition to prevent a saloon in Thorp was signed by nearly all people here. We hope it will have due effect upon our county commissioners and that they will not grant a license to anyone to sell liquor here. It would be the ruin of our bright and thriving little village (53).

February 15. There is a saloon in Thorp now, but it looks rather temperate just at present (53).

February 22. The "saloon" is still vacant (53).

FLOUR MILL

Mills were interesting places of business. At the mill was heard bits of news, prices and progress of harvest were discussed. Hot cakes and biscuits were more delicious made from grain that one had planted in the spring, cared for during the golden summer, harvested in the lazy days of autumn, and then, when the balloon spiders spun their long webs across the lanes, carried off to the mill to have the

sweet kernels ground into fine fluffy flour (55:139). (see illustrations, p. ix).

The first and only flour mill in Thorp was called the North Star Mill. Reading the legal papers pertaining to this mill and the land on which it is located is like reading a book of Who's Who. First is Albert Hutchinson, who had his deed direct from President Benjamin Harrison. And last is the deed from Smith J. Kendall to Frank Leonard, dated June 8, 1912 (55:142).

When the grain was brought to the mill, the miller would empty seven-eighths of the sack into the hopper and put the other one-eighth into his own bin. This was his pay for his work. Then with the weighing and measuring finished would come the leisure hour with nothing to do but talk while the water wheel turned round and round in the water grinding the meal for the lamp-lighted supper (55:139-140).

1893

March 11. Mr. Brownlow, of the North Star Grist Mill, reports a good business (51).

May 13. G. B. Greene shipped 44 barrels of flour to Ellensburg last week from the North Star Mill (51).

1896

January 4. The next proprietor of the North Star Mill is coming some place from on the sound (53).

January 11. S. Y. Hall, of Ellensburg, is the new proprietor of the grist mill (53).

Dick Waters is again at his old stand in the North Star Mill(53).

January 18. The grist mill is very busy supplying the demands of the farmers (53).

February 1. Mr. Olney, late proprietor of North Star has moved to Seattle (53).

February 15. Mr. Hall is alone in the grist mill this week (53).

March 14. The North Star Mills have again closed their doors (53).

1897

March 27. A son of Mr. Himes, the miller at Thorp, had some trouble with his father last Monday, and evidently vindicated his part of the quarrel by committing suicide (64).

October 8. Henry Ramm is proprietor of the North Star Mill in Thorp (64).

1898

March 11. The flouring mill in Thorp is owned by Henry Ramm, who also operates it (64).

1899

June 23. S. J. Kendall, of Lincoln, Nebraska, has now a half interest in the North Star Mill at Thorp, and the firm will now be known as Ramm and Kendall. Mr. Kendall has the reputation of being one of the best millers on the coast, having owned and operated mills in a dozen different states (64).

July 28. Dick Waters, employee of Ramm and Kendall, has the

first windmill in Thorp and it is alright (64).

1900

June 2. S. J. Kendall is one of the proprietors of the flouring mill at Thorp. He informs us that his mill is kept running all the time, and he is very much pleased with his late investment and the county (53).

1901

July 27. Mack and S. J. Kendall are proprietors of the North Star Mill (64).

SAW MILL

1879

During this year or thereabouts, a sawmill was built at the falls here by J. L. Mills and ran by water power (3:366) (see illustration, p. ix).

November 20. Mr. J. L. Mills bought eighty feet of 3/8 cable chain, 124 lbs., at 12.5 cents per pound for \$15.50 and paid \$4.75 freight to Wingate and Company, The Dalles, Oregon. They demanded their pay at the time of purchase or interest was charged and U. S. gold must be paid, nothing else was accepted (55:103) (32)

December 3. Notice of Water Right - James L. Mills (2:5)

To whom it may concern. This is to certify that I the undersigned did on the third day of December A. D., 1879, commenced work on a certain ditch for conveying water for manufacturing and irrigating purposes.

The location of said ditch is as follows:

Beginning on the Westside of Yakima River about 80 rods more or less south of the north line of Sec. 3, T18 R17, thence running in a southerly and southwesterly course for 180 rods more or less, thence in an easterly and southeasterly direction in a slough to Yakima River, said ditch passing through land now held by Wilken Briggs, Albert Hutchinson, O. Hutchinson, Abbot and J. L. McGinnis. All being located in Kittitas Valley, Yakima County, Washington Territory.

I have continued work on said ditch up to the present time and it is my intention to hold for purposes aforesaid.

June 9, 1880

James L. Mills

Recorded on June 18, 1880

Filed for recording September 6, 1882

Recorded October 11, 1882

December 3. Brought from The Dalles by A. Baun to J. L. Mills,

1 can coal Bit. (c)	5.00
1 B ⁴ Tea	3.00
Coffee	2.50
1 Keg Syrup	4.50
Matches	1.00
Broom	.50
1 Lamp	1.00
Jumper	.75
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	18.25
Boots	5.00
Telegraph	9.00
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	25.25 (32)

1880

Brought machinery and lumber for the mill from The Dalles, Oregon, by wagon as there was no railroad.

November 12. George O'Hare bought tin 14 foot 2x6's for \$1.40 (32).

1884

September 17. 1 Box-30#-A-1 Tobacco to J. L. Mills, \$18.75 (32).

December 6. J. L. Mills order from Thomas Johnson and Company, Dr.

Dealing in General Merchandise

Pair shoes	2.50	
10# Climax Tobacco	7.00	
1 broom	.75	
2 shirts	2.50	
8 Bolts	.75	
1 Ox Bow	1.50	
1 Pass Book	.25	
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	15.25	(32)

1888

June 12. J. C. Goodwin - 300 ft. culls @ .05 = \$1.50 (32)

June 14. Geo. Huhn - 850 ft. Rustic @ .20 = 7.00 (32)

June 27. Wm. Briggs - 224 ft. 14 Bds 1x12 - 16 = 2.24 (32)

June 28. D. F. Robinson - 240 ft. 12 Bd. 1x12 - 20 = 2.40 (32)

22 ft. 1 Bd. 2x6 - 22 = .22 (32)

	400 Pickets	=	3.20	(32)
<u>July 3.</u>	J. C. Ellison - 1 load wood	=	.40	(32)
	J. C. Goodwin - 1 load wood	=	.35	(32)
<u>July 12.</u>	J. C. Ellison - 4 loads wood, heaped	=	1.60	(32)
<u>July 25.</u>	Kittitas Fair Assn. - 100 Ps. 1x12x2	=	12.00	(32)

1893

March 11. The Mills saw mill was started up last Monday.

March 18. On account of low water Mr. Mills is unable to run his saw mill steady (51).

March 25. Mills saw mill commenced work again Tuesday,
March 21 (51).

April 15. The Sawmill is running steady now and is doing work; but the supply of logs will soon be exhausted (51).

May 13. J. L. Mills has started his spring drive, but high water caused the boom to break twice, letting a good many logs go down river (51).

May 27. Mill's saw mill has started up for the season. Those who are in need of lumber will do well by giving him a call as he keeps a good assortment (51).

December 27. A note from the office of J. D. Dammon and Son, proprietors of the Ellensburgh Roller Mills, to J. L. Mills:

Please let B----- have the balance of my lumber. Send the

following:

6 2x6x18

36 1x12x20

(Signed) A. J. Dammon (32)

1895

March 9. Common pine lumber selling for \$9.00 per thousand feet (34).

November 9. Lumber \$8-10 per thousand (53).

December 21. Sawmill is again in running trim, and good work is expected (53).

1896

January 18. The saw mill is running with full crew (53).

February 8. The saw mill is running steady by jerks (53).

March 7. The saw mill is not running this week on account of cold weather (53).

March 14. The saw mill is running again with Prof. Burlingame at the helm (53).

April 18. Saw mill commenced again on Wednesday, April 15 (53).

1898

December 30. The much needed rain has come and we are glad of it, for many wells have gone dry, and even the millpond has the same affliction (64).

1899

March 3. F. J. Mossman of Thorp is talking of putting in a saw mill at or near that place (64).

July 28. J. L. Mills has been doing some much needed repairs on the basement and flume of his sawmill and has also added some new belts and is now sewing 3000 feet of lumber every day or two (64).

1901

April 19. Oscar Sayles has sold his $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in the sawmill on the Tanum to L. F. Ellison of Thorp (64).

May 10. L. F. Ellison says that they just finished new mill race and now have fully 50 horse power - as soon as a little more machinery arrives that will start cutting lumbers, possibly in 2 weeks (64).

June 7. L. F. Ellison expects mill in operation this week (64).

TOWN HALL

1893

March 11. Thorp is to have a town hall in the near future (51).

March 18. Mr. Veach, Gordon, and Thorp have commenced work on the Town Hall (51).

March 25. J. Waggoner is to erect a building on his farm for dances and other amusements - also for machinery (51).

May 27. The opening ball at the new hall was a grand success (51).

J. E. Veach has sold his interest in the town hall to Mr. Thorp (51).

1895

December 8. Milk Maids convention held at Town Hall (53).

1896

January 4. Masked Ball on New Year's night was a grand success (53).

January 18. The show in the hall Monday night, January 13, was appreciated by a full house. Every one present enjoyed the jokes, and also the tricks performed by the animals (53).

March 7. Captain Eli, a whaler, appeared at Thorp Hall and entertained with stories and jokes (53).

Twelve Militia boys are drilling in city hall (53).

April 11. The Thorp Armory Hall is crowded with spectators every Wednesday night (53).

1897

February 20. A grand ball will be given at Thorp, Monday, February 22, Thorp and Goden are managers (64).

August 17. There was a dance, August 14th, at Thorp, proceeds therefrom to be used in bridge building (53).

August 21. The ball given at Thorp last Saturday for the benefit of the bridge fund was a grand success, and \$101.00 was realized. Much of this good work is due to the good ladies of that little city

and vicinity, who worked like beavers making ice cream, cake, and lemonade, which was served free to all. The ball cleared \$95.50, a handsome little sum. Thorp people never do things by halves, they go whole hog or none (64).

October 22. There will be a dance Friday evening at Thorp Hall (64).

October 23. Matron's contest at Thorp Hall, Friday evening, October 29, to be given by W. C. T. U. of Thorp. Admission is 10 cents (53).

November 20. Prof. Atcherson is opening a dance school Tuesday evening, November 30 (53).

November 26. There will be a Thanksgiving Ball at the Thorp Hall (64).

December 24. There will be a Christmas tree at Thorp Hall Christmas Eve and a mask ball Christmas night. Prof. Atcherson's orchestra will furnish the music (64).

1898

February 12. "Great Klondike Exhibition" at Thorp, Friday, February 11 (53).

March 24. There will be a W. C. T. U. contest held at Thorp Hall, Thursday evening. The proceeds will be devoted to the benefit of Mrs. Banks of Thorp, whose husband lost his life on the ill-fated steamer, Clara Nevada, while returning from the Alaska gold fields. The ladies who have undertaken this laudable purpose deserve credit

and success and should be rewarded with a full house (53).

April 2. Odd fellows anniversary ball, Thursday night last (53).

October 28. Populist rally at Thorp last Saturday evening was a grand success. The boys made speeches to a house full of good people (64).

1899

January 13. The masquerade ball given New Year's by the Thorp Dancing Club, was a grand success financially and other wise (64).

February 15. J. E. Veach is in Seattle representing the Lodge of Modern Woodman (64).

March 29. There will be an oyster supper at the Thorp Hall, April 1, 1901, for the benefit of the M. E. Church. Donations such as sandwiches, cakes, pickles, fruits, etc. will be accepted (64).

April 5. M. E. Church benefit not well attended because of very bad roads (41).

August 3. The Thorp Woodmen took the premium at the log rolling in Yakima last week (64).

LIGHT PLANT

1907

An electric light plant was installed having a 40-horsepower dynamo, supplying Thorp and the surrounding country with electricity for light and power. This gave Thorp the distinction of being the smallest town in the Northwest, unincorporated, having electric

lights (3:366).

CREAMERIES

1893

March 25. J. C. Goodwin is going to put a larger separator in his creamery. The one he has now is too small to answer the demands of his increasing business (51).

April 1. John Goodwin makes the best creamery butter in the state (51).

1894

September. Ben Pease brought in 240.24 pounds of milk from which 40 pounds of butter was made. He received 23 cents per pound for his skim milk, or \$46.05, minus 5 cents per pound of butter for manufacturing it, or \$2.00, which left \$44.05 for Mr. Pease (14:157).

1895

January 12. J. C. Goodwin is hurrying his creamery along and expects to have it ready for operating by spring (53).

March 2. J. C. Goodwin's new and enlarged creamery was started up again on Monday, February 25. Mr. Goodwin is now able to handle a much larger quantity of cream than previously (53).

October 12. Cloverdale Creamery, J. C. Goodwin, Thorp (64).

December 14. J. C. Goodwin attending state dairymen's association meeting in Walla Walla last week (53).

1896

January 11. J. C. Goodwin is vice president of the State Dairymen's Association (64).

February 22. J. Goodwin has been buying ice from the National Ice Company (of Thorp) and storing it away near the Cloverdale Creamery. He thought it was his last chance (53).

1897

October 11. J. L. Mills started his creamery at Thorp this week (64).

1898

July. The account of J. C. Ellison showed:

129.48 lbs. milk		
56.00 lbs. butter @ .03	=	1.68
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73.48 lbs. @ 14½¢/lb.	=	10.65
11 lbs. cheese	=	1.21
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		2.89
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		-2.89
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	\$ 7.76	(14:20)

The account of L. A. Turner showed:

396.80 lbs. milk		
22.00 lbs. butter		
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374.80 lbs. @ 14½¢/lb.	=	54.34
To mfg. 22# at .03¢	=	.66
" " 28# cheese @ .11¢	=	3.08
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	3.74	<hr/>
	\$50.60	(14:56)

1900February. The account of F. J. Page read:

188.65 lbs. milk		
4.00 lbs. butter		
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184.65 lbs. @ 26½¢/lb.	=	\$48.93
To mfg. 4# @ .03¢	=	.12
Hauling	=	2.85
25 sacks mix feed		
2050# @ \$13.50/ton	=	13.84
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		\$16.81 (14:147)

August. Mrs. J. C. Ellison's account showed:

122.80 lbs. milk		
2.00 lbs. butter		
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120.80 lbs. @ 20½¢/lb.	=	25.76
To Mfg. 2# @ .03¢ = .06	-	.06
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		25.70 (14)
August 15th by Bal. 24.10		25.70
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		24.10
		<hr/>
		1.60

August 31 to coal 656 lbs.

September 8 to coal no weight

September 11 " " 400 lbs.

1056 lbs. 9 doz. eggs \$1.35 (14)

1901

The Goodwin Creamery day book for 1901 showed this list of customers: (14)

J. C. Goodwin	H. Page	R. E. Rego
Mrs. E. Stevens	B. Wilcox	C. G. Stevens
W. Hayward	H. Stevens	J. B. Rego
C. A. Snyder	Wm. Packwood	Bert Pease
H. Ames	A. M. Stevens	McGinnis
Mrs. J. C. Ellison	B. S. Pease and Ceo	M. Frederick
J. Burgett	Mrs. Wallace	S. H. Stevens
W. D. Killmore	M. Stevens	J. Ross Mrs. R. Mason ←
Ed Page	Wm. A. Stevens	Burns
F. J. Page	J. N. Bunk	Geo. McKennely

April 5. Johnny Turner is adding quite largely to the output of the creamery here. Master Joe Turner doing the hauling act. Hayward made no mistake when he rented his ranch to John (64).

May 17. L. M. Weaver has charge of B. F. Reed's creamery at Thorp (64).

The Thorp Creamery is making more butter this season than ever before (64).

May 24. John Goodwin says that he is paying out for milk for his creamery about \$1200 per month (64).

July 12. L. M. Weaver quit creamery temporarily to run his hay press (64).

LODGES AND CLUBS

1896

January 11. An A. P. A. Lodge was organized in Thorp January 4

(53).

October. Bryant Club formed in Thorp to support William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska in the cause of Silver against McKinley and the Gold Standard of the Republican party (53).

1897

April 3. I. O. O. F. Lodge of 3 links was organized in Thorp Thursday night, April 1. Twelve new members were initiated in the mysteries of the order and his goatship was kept busy from early in the evening until 5 o'clock the next morning. Membership of Taenum Lodge No. 155, with old and new members, will total twenty. The officers are W. A. Stevens, N. G.; Edgar Pease, V. G.; James Stevens, secretary; C. A. Snyder, treasurer (53).

POST OFFICE

The first mail service into the valley was in 1867. This was to the Charles W. Splawn log cabin at the mouth of the Taneum Canyon, and known as the Taneum. The mail was brought over the Snoqualmie Trail on horseback by a friendly Indian named Keneko (8). He was paid ten dollars per trip (55:25). This was a week's journey and he often left his small brown son in the care of Mrs. Splawn while he was gone. At least once the sixth sense of the child told him that his father was coming along the trail long before the sounds of the pony's hooves were heard on the frozen trail. This early post office was not a government office, but late in the year 1896, it became a United States Government office with a real postal system. It was also a government express office (55:93). Fielden Mortimer Thorp was commissioned

Postmaster (8). On April 7, 1873, the Post Office Department discontinued the Taneum office either because it was unnecessary (8) or because Mrs. Thorp grew tired of having people come to her home at all hours for the mail (55:93).

The office was moved to the home of J. L. Vaughn and called Pleasant Grove, for that was the name of Mr. Vaughn's farm. Pleasant Grove farm was just a little way from the Upper River Bridge. This new location for the post office was more centrally located and more convenient for those who lived on the west side of the river (55:94). On June 6, 1872, John L. Vaughn was appointed Postmaster (8). After a few years the Pleasant Grove office was moved to the Gettis ranch (across the Upper River Bridge) retaining the name Pleasant Grove (8). Later this office was moved to the J. L. Mills place in Thorp and continued as Pleasant Grove (8). On an envelope addressed to Mrs. Marie S. Mills, Pleasant Grove, Kittitas Valley, Yakima County, Washington Territory, and with the registry number 1267, is the date July 28, 1880 (55:94).

On another envelope dated October 28, 1880, there is also stamped, "New Office, just established." Here begins the neat accounts kept by J. L. Mills in several leather bound books (55:94).

The last statement of the Pleasant Grove Office dated April 19, 1882, and the next account is dated from Milton, November 14, 1882. There was one cent due the United States Government when the Pleasant Grove office was closed. This lone stamp remained in the little drawer and was given due credit the last of the year when the Milton statement was sent to Washington, D. C., Official Business from Pleasant Grove, April 19, 1882, by J. L. Mills, Postmaster (55:94).

The new office was named Milton for Milton Young (8). In 1882, from November 14 to December 26, there is an account of cancelled stamps at Milton for three dollars and twenty-three cents. Eleven dollars and twenty cents worth of stamps were sold from January 2, 1883, to March 31, 1883 (55:94). The name Milton was retained until 1884, then changed to Oren, for Oren Hutchinson (8). On February 22, 1890, The Ellensburg Localizer reported that the people of Oren are badly supplied with their mail. Saturday mail is carried, many times, up to Cle Elum and returned on Monday (51).

In 1889 the name was changed to Thorp and has continued as such to date (8).

List of Postmasters and dates of appointment (8)

<u>Tanum.</u> F. M. Thorp	1869
<u>Pleasant Grove.</u>	
John L. Vaughn	June 6, 1872
Sylvannus R. Gettis	September 8, 1873
James Dermolt	March 28, 1877
William Haines	April 29, 1878
G. W. Parrish	April 17, 1879
Henry Condroy	July 26, 1880
James L. Mills	September 20, 1880
office discontinued	April 5, 1881
<u>Milton.</u> Established	September 14, 1881
Michael Dreisverner	
James L. Mills	March 6, 1882
<u>Milton changed to Oren.</u>	January 29, 1884

James L. Mills

Oren changed to Thorp.

January 5, 1891

Mrs. Mary Veach

April 6, 1894

Frank W. Martin

February 1, 1896

George B. Green

March 4, 1897

Nathan E. Sandell

December 7, 1898

Sarah E. Gordon

February 27, 1908

Eugene J. Brain

March 6, 1908

John B. McComber

September 6, 1910

Porter Orndoff

November 4, 1911

Julia Hollingsworth

March 9, 1915

Mary E. McDonald

June 6, 1919

Phoebe E. Hodges

June 12, 1923

Martha Schmealer (actg.)

August 13, 1923

Lillian Brain

Chapter 7

RAILROAD

NORTHERN PACIFIC

Work was begun on the N. P. in 1870 but during the financial scare of 1873 work was crippled and construction brought to a standstill. It was reorganized in 1879, and completed in the following years. In 1884, it reached North Yakima. Here work was stopped for two years due to what N. P. President Robert Harris stated as being the difficulty of negotiating the ragged Yakima Canyon between Selah and Ellensburg, and to the necessity of elaborate surveys for determining the most feasible and economical route over the Cascade Mountains (24:377).

March 31, 1886

The first train pulled into Ellensburg (42).

October 11, 1886

First N. P. train into Cle Elum (24:763).

1890

Great tunnel at Stampede Pass completed and the N. P. fairly established upon its great route (24:337).

March 11, 1893

This town is not very large, but we think that N. P. Co. ought to favor it a little by erecting a new depot, the one we have now is

but a poor excuse to a business place like this (51).

April 15, 1893

New station agent went back to Ellensburg. Wednesday (51).

July 14, 1894

The bridge near Thorp, some seven miles above Ellensburg, was burned on the morning of July 10. It was incendiary work (53).

Rail Strike

Business delayed on account of burned bridges - N. P. R. R. property destroyed - Water tank at Lester emptied - Troops accompany the trains each day for protection - delayed mail - farm machinery detained (53).

July 21, 1894

Strike over - troops still needed on trains (53).

August 24, 1895

New railroad rule in effect on August 15. 25¢ will be charged for checking a baby carriage or bicycle (53).

March 7, 1896

A petition for a station is being gotten up here. We hope that it will succeed, for surely a city like this needs a depot. It is inconvenient for shippers here now (53).

May 8, 1897

N. P. Company cut pay for section hands from \$1.40 to \$1.20 per day and for section foremen from \$55 to \$50 per month (53).

July 3, 1897

Mrs. Briggby, wife of the new station agent at Thorp, arrived on Monday morning. Her 2 little children accompanied her. Mr. Briggby expects to locate permanently in Thorp. He will find the good people of Thorp as nice as he has ever seen and generous to a fault (53).

November 3, 1900

Thursday, November 1, in the afternoon, a freight train wrecked just above Thorp (53).

February 1, 1901

N. P. repairing bridge at Thorp this week (64).

Chapter 8

IRRIGATION

1873

According to an article in The Coast magazine, the Tannum Ditch Company Canal was built in 1873 and the West Side Canal in 1889. This makes the west side of the Kittitas Valley the oldest irrigated section in the county. Both of these canals were owned by the farmers. The farmers enjoyed the cheapest water and the most extensive system in this part of the state. The total acreage covered was approximately 45,000 acres (3:367). The West Side Ditch and the Taneum Ditch were built by hand labor with a scraper and a team, one man to hold the scraper and one to drive the team. Work went on in the cold spring winds and the blistering heat of summer. In 1889, water was a dollar per inch (55:67).

1874

According to the testimony of Charles Splawn given during the action brought by F. M. Thorp against the Tanem Ditch Company, there was continual cultivation of the areas along Tanem Creek up to 1874-- until the Tanem ditch was made. After the ditch was constructed, the ditches which had been dug by C. Splawn and F. M. Thorp in 1869 couldn't get water into them (20).

1875

The water right document states that the Tanum Ditch was dug in 1875. The Tanum Water Ditch Company was organized about January 25, 1879. They filed for a water claim to 4000 inches of water under 6 inch pressure on April 29, 1884. The trustees of the company were S. T. Packwood, Herman Page, and S. M. Bond. This claim was recorded May 1, 1884 (2:34-35). J. E. Bates was president of this association of farmers (24:356).

1893

On May 27 the Ellensburg Localizer stated that S. T. Ellison had commenced work on his contract of enlarging the Taenum Ditch (51).

1902

In 1902 there came a new popular call for steps looking to a high line canal. A mass meeting on January 9, 1902, resulted in the Inter-Mountain Irrigation Association being formed. The committee consisted of W. D. Bruton, J. L. Mills, W. T. Morrison, S. T. Packwood as well as others. The committee secured the right to 50,000 inches of water at junction of Cle Elum and Yakima Rivers and 25,000 at Easton on January 18, 1902. On March 4, 1902, some differences as to location of the canal resulted. E. C. Burlingame, of Walla Walla, had surveyed the so-called Burlingame Line in 1892. This was said to be more practical than the proposed high line route. While this group was struggling the Cascade Canal was built. It was purely a local enterprise with an initial capital of \$150,000 and had as its president S. T. Packwood. The intake was on the north side of the river, five miles above Thorp.

Nearly six miles of fluming was required and two tunnels, one 800 feet and the other 388 feet. Water was turned into the canal on May 13, 1904 (24:357). The canal was constructed to cover 25,000 acres of land and was guaranteed a flow of 150 second/feet.

Other local enterprises were suggested and tried to get off the ground, but never succeeded. The era of glowing vision ended. The time had now come when the government was ready to enter the field and the era of private enterprise in the Kittitas came to an end. With the passage of the Reclamation Act on June 17, 1902, petitions poured in for investigation of possible irrigation projects (24:357).

Chapter 9

ICE POND

1893

April 6

The National Ice Company shipped a car load of frozen water to the sound last week (51). (see illustrations, p. x).

1896

January 11

National Ice Company was busy again on Monday (53).

January 18

The Ice Company was active again on Monday and once again the Major's gentle whispers were heard on the breeze (53).

January 25

The National Ice Company is working under difficulties just now but they still have hope of securing a crop if ice (53).

February 8

The ice house seems to have a vacant appearance yet. Still the Major says he will have ice if he has to wait until next winter (53).

March 14

Mr. Morgan, of Seattle, is looking after the interests of the

National Ice Company. He thinks the Major's chances for this season are rather slim (53).

1897

February 6

Quite a large crop of ice was harvested at Thorp this week (64).

1898

January 7

The ice company of Thorp is busily engaged in putting up ice (64).

January 14

If the weather continues favorable the ice company intends to complete their work this week (64).

January 21

The Thorp Ice Company will resume work this week as they have several new orders (64).

February 4

Ice Company still busy putting up ice (64).

December 30

J. E. Veach erected an ice house which he filled with ice (64).

Mr. Morgan has been engaged in the ice business here for the past eight years (64). Ice harvest began this week. The quality was never better and the quantity is sufficient (64).

1899

January 13

Ice cutting continues (64).

August 11

Mr. Morgan of Seattle is here leading 5-6 cars of ice for the Seattle market (64).

1901

February 1

J. E. Veach put up 20 tons of ice this week (64).

Chapter 10

CHURCHES

1888

August 14-30

J. L. Mills sold lumber to the Christian Church at Thorp.

The lumber was hauled by Stewart and Patton. Mills' day books state that the following lumber was delivered:

1300 feet	1x6 sheeting
850 feet	Rustic 8 inch
1300 feet	Rustic 6 inch
160 feet	20 Ps 2x4-12
616 feet	44 Ps 2x6-14
100 feet	5 Ps 2x6-20
650 feet	70 Ps 2x4-14
210 feet	5 Ps 6x6-14
156 feet	2 Ps 6x6-26
192 feet	24 Ps 2x4-12
320 feet	24 Ps 2x4-20
19 feet	2 Ps 2x4-14
288 feet	24 Ps 2x4-18
72 feet	6 Ps 2x4-18
1600 feet	6 inch flooring
180 feet	4 inch flooring

4000 feet	ship lap
1000 feet	clear siding
72 feet	window sills
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	Total bill \$231.24
14 feet	1 Ps 2x6-14 Donation \$15.00 (32)

1889

August 2

J. L. Mills, J. L. McDowell, T. D. McDowell, B. D. Southern, and Mitchell Stevens; Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, bought 3 acres for \$1.00 from Herman and Rachel Page. (1320 feet west of Sec. 13 and 14 corner. West 472 feet; South 30 degrees 30 minutes, east 374 feet; east 249 feet; north 294 feet to beginning) (44:1432)

1890

September

Sister Mary Childs located in the vicinity of Thorp and found another member of the Church of Christ, Sister Sarah Goodwin. The two devoted disciples of Christ began devising means to have preaching and build up the cause in their community. They secured the services of Brother G. W. Weimer (37).

1891

May

Brother Weimer conducted a weeks meetings resulting in six confessions and baptisms. Brother Weimer continued to preach every Saturday for six months resulting in reclaiming one baptism and two

from the Methodist Church. The above members were added to the Ellensburg congregation (37).

1892

June

Brother B. F. Norris commenced work and continued for one year with one fourth of this time resulting in eight added, six by primary obedience and one from the Methodist Church. This number was added to the congregation in Ellensburg (37).

1893

March 18

On Thursday, the 9th, there was a quilting bee held at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Briggs. An entertainment was given in the evening for the enjoyment of the young people. The proceeds of both are to be given as a donation to the preacher or preachers (51).

March 25

Preaching at the school house, Sunday, March 26th, at 11 o'clock a.m. All are cordially invited (51).

April 1

Rev. Deshaizer preached last Sunday, March 26th (51).

April 15

Rev. Norris of Ellensburg will hold services Sunday at 11 o'clock (51).

December

Brother Woodward began laboring for the same locality resulting in six by primary obedience (37).

A. Randall preached at Thorp (50).

1894

December

Through the recommendation of Sister Mary Childs the brothers and sisters sent for S. A. Kopp, of Norfolk, Nebraska, who arrived February 16th, 1895, starting meetings February 17th and continued until March 12th. This resulted in four by primary obedience and four reclaimed (37).

1895

March 11

Covenant of Members:

We the undersigned, having been immersed upon our confession of our faith in Christ, do write to form an organization of the Church of Christ at Thorp, Washington. Having already covenanted with God in Christ, do hereby covenant with each other that we will keep all the ordinances and commandments of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, agreeing to be governed in our church relations and obligations by the law of Christ as taught in the New Testament and pledging each other to do all in our power to promote the peace, unity and prosperity of the Church and extend the kingdom of Christ in all the world in testimony.

We fix our respective names this 11th day of March, 1895:

Charter Members

Mr. William Briggs	Mr. John Ellison
Mrs. Edora Briggs	Mr. Louis Ellison
Mr. Robert Barnett	Mrs. Ruth Ellison
Mrs. Rettie Barnett	Mrs. Allie Ellison
Miss Myra Barnett (Lowe)	Miss Maud Ellison (Cummings)
Mrs. Launa Burns	Mr. Ellis George
Mrs. Mary Childs	Mrs. Deborah George
Miss Francis Childs (Frederick)	Miss Lillian Goodwin
Miss Hannah Childs (Stager)	Miss Oce Goodwin
Mr. Warren Childs	Miss Olive Goodwin
Mr. George De Shazer	Mr. William Mattox
Mrs. Nancy De Shazer	Mrs. Martha Mattox

Mrs. Jennie Osborn

Mr. Phillip Stultz

Mrs. Dora Stultz (Bailey)

Mrs. Laura Turner

Mrs. Florence Snyder

Elders: Mr. Ellis George and Mr. John Ellison

Deacons: Mr. William Briggs and Mr. Louis Ellison (50)

1895-96

Church of Christ held meetings in the schoolhouse upon the hill on the E. R. Hatfield farm (37).

1896

Ellis George served as minister of Thorp Church of Christ (50).

January 11

Rev. Allenball preached to large congregations Sunday, Tuesday,

and Wednesday (53).

January 18

Rev. Allenball has been preaching here for nearly two weeks, and never before have the people of Thorp heard better speaking, and yet the sinners seem to be as plentiful as ever (53).

January 25

Rev. Smith is home again after a two week visit in Yakima (53).

Methodist revival meetings are being held at the Packwood School (53).

February 8

Pie Social and entertainment last Friday, for the benefit of Sunday School (53). Rev. Allenbough preached Sunday.

April 11

The Methodist parsonage, which is being built $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles below Thorp, will soon be completed (53).

April 18

Mr. McDonald lectured on "Theosophy; or, the wisdom of the Gods," at the Thorp Hall, Friday. It was well appreciated (53).

1897

February 13

The new church at Thorp is now ready for use it having been completed last week (64). (see illustration, p. ix).

Church of Christ started building in spring. The logs were hauled by sled from Joe Watt Canyon to Mill Race. J. D. Hatfield and

Erne Barnett helped on this log drive. Logs were sawed at J. L. Mill's Mill. Louis Ellison helped a lot in planning and building the first church building (37).

May 29

The Methodists of Kittitas Valley will hold a campmeeting in Page's Grove beginning June 9th, and lasting over two Sabbaths (53).

October 8

Prof. Knox lecturing in Thorp this week (64).

1897 to 1902

William Kenney served as minister of Church of Christ (50).

1898

February 11

On Sunday morning, February 13, at 11 o'clock, there will be quarterly meeting services of the M. E. Church held at the Christian Church in Thorp. Rev. Robt. Warner, of The Dalles, Oregon, will preach (64).

On Tuesday, February 24, Rev. Agar will give his humorous talk on "Darkest Africa," to the people of Thorp and vicinity, in the church. He will sing some native songs and exhibit some curios. It will be an evening of amusement as well as profit. All are invited to come. 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children (64).

Rev. Baker will preach here next Sunday evening (64).

Rev. Woodyard preached here last Sunday (64).

March 18

Revs. Clay Butcher and T. J. Randall preached here last Sunday and next at 11 o'clock (64).

1899

January 20

A trio of Thorp young people started for the "Cove" in a cutter one evening lately, with the intention of attending church, but unfortunately they took the wrong turn in the road and followed jack rabbit trails up and down the hills during part of the evening. They didn't even get one rabbit (64).

February 3

The M. E. Church, on the Westside, is at the W. A. Stevens property (64).

July 14

Rev. W. M. Kenney will deliver his famous lecture, "Living America," at Thorp, on Friday evening, July 21 (64).

July 28

Parson Billy delivered his lecture on "Living America" to a full house at Thorp, last Friday night, June 21st. For one hour and a half the Rev. gentleman held his audience spell-bound by his eloquence, sparkling wit and subtle humor. The lecture was a master piece even for that brilliant orator (64).

September 1

The Westside M. E. Church services are discontinued until further notice (64).

1900

June 9

Sunday, July 1st, there will be a basket meeting of the Christian Church of Ellensburg and Thorp, held at Page's Grove on the Westside, of which every disciple of the Church of Christ is cordially invited to attend. L. F. Ellison - Thorp (53).

1901

January 4

Rev. Kenney will be at the Thorp Church next week (64).

March 1

Rumor has it that the Methodist people will build a church here this season (64).

March 29

There will be an oyster supper at the Thorp Hall, April 1st, 1901, for the benefit of the M. E. Church. Donations such as sandwiches, cakes, pickles, fruits, etc. will be accepted (64).

April 5

M. E. benefit not well attended because of very bad roads (64).
Rev. Kenney preaching at Thorp, Sunday at 11:00 and 7:30 p.m.
(64).

June 7

The people of the Christian Church at Thorp are in the organ contest (64).

June 21

Mrs. Allie Ellison was in town attending the State Convention of the Christian Church (64).

July 7

Organ contest won by Ellensburg High School by a majority of 10,000 (64).

Chapter 11

SCHOOLS

1888

August 13

Ephraim Hatfield bought the $N\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10 T18 R17 from William Forgey, less the one acre deeded to the school (59).

1889

April 4

Quarterly apportionment of school money made to Thorp is \$151.50, by J. L. McDowell, County Supt. Common Schools (24:690).

June 15

Edgar Pease, L. M. Bond, W. A. Stevens; Directors of School District No. 2 bought from Margaret F. Packwood for \$20.00, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in southeast corner of Sec. 24, T18 R17. (147 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet square). (44:1262).

1893

March 18

Public school will commence April 3 (51).

1895

June 29

The Thorp baseball nine had a game with the Ellensburg nine

on Sunday; the Thorps were badly worsted, scoring 3 to Ellensburgh's 30. They can, perhaps, play some other game better than baseball. They were scarcely in it at all with the Ellensburghers (53).

December 21

Mr. Hinman is the teacher. There is perhaps only one person in the community whom he can speak to without a downward glance (53).

Band given up since Ellensburgh band disbanded (53).

1896

January 25

The boys of the public school have formed a non-tobacconist league. Any member caught chewing the vile weed is fined a dollar; the dollar goes to purchase books for the library. The girls have formed a similar league, only they discard gum instead of tobacco. Consequently the boys will gum and the girls will chew - their tongues (53).

February 8

Young debators of public school are improving very much in their speeches (53).

February 15

The Thorp Jubilee Band seems to keep in good tune (53).

Lincoln Birthday celebration was held in Thorp. There was a program of singing and speeches and "Old Glory" was raised over the public school building (53).

March 21

There's Goodwin Tom and Killmore Bill
 And all the rest upon the hill,
 who won the "great ditch" suit,
 and best all of Thorp to boot.
 And there's the blow-hard, Waggoner John,
 Who is known to all the country round;
 He thinks that he will take the bun,
 And go it whole hog or none.
 So now they crow of their success,
 Of how they won the school house desk;
 They talk about their mighty power,
 Of beating Thorp in just an hour.
 Now they'll blow with all their might,
 Of putting Thorp in such a plight;
 Taking all the desks and charts,
 And leaving us with broken hearts.
 We'll let them go, the mighty host,
 For that is all that they can boast.
 We'll move along and do our best,
 And let them ride on their success.

-Mazeppa- (53).

April 18

Thorp baseball "sluggers" are turning out.

"Shorty" Thompson is throwing curves (53).

Lee Purdin is the next teacher in the Splawn district (53).

1897

April 10

Be sure to send every child of school age to the public schools.
 By doing so you are not only benefiting the children but each day's
 attendance will earn for the district about seven cents per scholar
 out of the state funds next year (64).

July 3

Our friend J. E. Veach wanted us to roast the Thorp boys because they were beaten by the Thorp Prairie boys after giving away 10 tallies. Now, John ought not to ask us to do this as we know the Thorp boys can play ball, and all John is off at is the Thorp boys would not let him pitch. This is right is it John? (64).

September 4

Lillian Gager, Thorp teacher, was at Teacher's Institute, Monday, August 23 (64).

September 17

The Thorp Public School opened Monday last, with an enrollment of 60 scholars. Miss Lillian Gager is the teacher (64).

October 8

Those neither absent or tardy during September, 1897, were Jacob Newman, Ella Hartle, Darrell Lafferty, Myrtle St. John, Sylvester St. John, Charley Ramm, Daisy Banks, Adah Mills, Pearl Ramm, Edna Duncan, Maud Scoville, Rex Osborne, Lewis Ellison, Lily Banks, Harold Banks, Edith Scoville, Shirley Stevens, Rosa Pollington, Zola Thorp, Omie Gordon, Mack Gordon, Josie Gordon, and Nelson Mills. Lillian Gager, Teacher (64).

November 26

The Thorp School will give an entertainment on the evening of December 11, for the purpose of getting an organ. Admission is 15 cents and 25 cents (64).

December 3

Teacher wanted, apply in District #29, Thorp Prarie (64).

1898

January 7

Mr. Fred Butcher is the assistant teacher at Thorp (64).

Mr. Banks has organized a singing school which will meet every Thursday evening. The community expects to derive much benefit from these lessons (64).

A few pupils are still recovering from chicken-pox (64).

January 14

Those who were not absent from school during December were Okly and Fern Burns, Harold Banks, Johnny Ellison, Trume McGinnis, Oma McGinnis, Leslie Orndoff, Shirley Stevens, Nelson Mills, Ross St. John, Fred Newman, Thomas Gilhem, Roy Veach, Johnny Newman, Edna Duncan, Ione Gordon, Mary Hart, Ella Hartle, Mary McGinnis, Adah Mills, Ellis McAfee, Lily Orndoff, Irene Orndoff, Zola Thorp, Rosa Pollington (64).

February 4

The Thorp children are very proud of their organ and congratulate themselves for earning it (64).

March 11

School teachers average 48 dollars per month (64).

April 1

Fred Butcher has finished his school here and will begin teaching near Cle Elum, Monday (64).

May 6

A School Marm's Troubles

You may talk about your buggy rides,
And of riding on the cars;
Of riding in a flying machine and
 floating round the stars.
But a bicycle ride is best of all,
And lays the rest in the shade,
At least that's what I've been told,
By one of Thorp's young maids.
It was some time in March, she
 bought a brand new wheel.
It was not a chainless safety,
But made of rubber and steel.
She rode it most every evening, and did very well I've heard,
So one fine evening she started
 To ride to Ellensburg.

The wheel became unruly, and
 would not mind they say.
And at every hill they came to,
 was bound to run away.
She would pull upon the handles,
And call out Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!
But the more she pulled and called
The faster the wheel would go.
Soon she came to the bottom, and
 instead of the bridge going o'er,
The wheel took to the water
Which was three feet deep or more.

Well, what happened of that, I'll
 leave to your own mind to frame.
But one thing more I will tell you
 When she cam back, she took the train.

G. T (64).

September 17

Last Monday, Miss Pearl Painter started teaching in the Weed District (53).

C. H. Hinman is in the Packwood District (53).

September 23

Miss Lillian Gager closed her school in Tanum District September 14th. After a short vacation of two days she took up school in Thorp. She has taught 13 months in the last school year (64). (see illustration, p. xii).

1899

February 24

Miss Lillian Gager was elected vice-president of Teacher's Association of Kittitas County, which met February 4, 1899 (64).

May 12

Miss Gager took up a school near Cle Elum, Preston School District (64).

May 26

Cruikshank's school at Thorp closed this week (64).

September 15

Fred Butcher and Miss Lillian Gager opened school in Thorp, Monday (64).

1901

March 1

Miss Florence DeMont has dismissed her school at Thorp for one week on account of sickness among her pupils (grippe). (64).

March 8

Miss Fleming and Miss DeMont, both teachers, are from Thorp (64).

April 25

Miss DeMonts school at Thorp closed last week (64).

May 17

Miss DeMont left for Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday. She came last spring to take charge of Thorp School (64).

Chapter 12

CEMETERY

1898

March 19

All the neighbors and people of West Kittitas and Thorp Prarie who have an interest in improving and beautifying the cemetery grounds near Mr. H. Page's, are earnestly requested to meet at the cemetery on Arbor Day, Friday, March 25th, and bring trees and shrubs to plant in the grounds. Lunch baskets will also be in order on that day (53).

1899

January 20

Thorp Kittitas County,
Washington
November 29, 1898

T. A. Davis
Proprietor Marble Works,
North Yakima, Washington

Dear Sir:

Monument arrived in good shape and went together fine. It is all I could ask for. Please find enclosed check to cover the amount of same.

Yours truly,
F. J. Page (64).

1901

March 15

The I. O. O. F. Cemetery is near Thorp (64).

Chapter 13

MEDICAL NEWS

1890

November 12

A man found dead up near Thorp station on Monday. A coupling pin belonging to a car was found near his body (51).

1893

March 11

J. C. Ellison sick but up and around (51).

March 25

Wesley Turner quite sick (son of Frank Turner) (51).

May 13

Some of the boys of our town were enjoying themselves one day last week by floating down the Yakima River on a raft, but their enjoyment did not last long as their raft was capsized and H. Haston has been nursing a lame hand ever since (51).

1896

February 1

Barnett's have a new baby boy (53).

March 7

Susie, the seven year old daughter of George St. John, is very sick. The doctors have given up all hope of her recovery (53).

1897

February 6

The little child of Ed Page, near Thorp is reported quite sick with diphtheria (64).

Considerable sickness near Thorp (64).

M. A. Thorp, near Thorp, met with a painful accident on Wednesday, while hauling wood. In some unaccountable manner he was caught between two logs and seriously hurt (64).

February 13

Diphtheria is still raging at Thorp. George Green's two little ones are now down with it (64).

J. E. Veach, of Thorp, is confined to his bed with rheumatism, but gradually growing better (64).

April 17

Lillian Smith, 22, died at her home near Thorp (34). Death came at about 9 o'clock last Sunday evening at J. C. Goodwin's residence (64).

April 24

J. C. Ellison departed for Cincinnati, Ohio, for medical treatment (64).

May 15

J. M. Newman, Kittitas County Commissioner, is undergoing a siege of misfortunes this week. A team ran away with his youngest son Thursday, throwing the boy from the wagon, breaking his right arm above the wrist and skinning his face quite badly. He was brought to town for medical treatment. Mr. Newman's daughter is also down with the diphtheria (53).

May 22

Thomas Gordon died at his home Tuesday (53).

May 29

J. C. Ellison wrote that he hoped for a permanent cure from cancer (64).

June 5

Mrs. M. L. Hollenbeck died at her home near Thorp, Friday morning (53).

July 17

J. C. Ellison returned home Wednesday morning (64).

October 2

James Gordon is still quite poorly (64).

October 8

A little child of Linn Morrison of Thorp Prarie died Monday evening (64).

October 22

Mr. J. C. Ellison is slowly improving from an attack of rheumatism (64).

November 5

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Snyderon November 3 (64).

November 12

J. C. Ellison is at Seattle undergoing medical treatment at the hands of Dr. Miller (64).

November 13

Assessor Ellison is in Seattle for cancer treatment (53).

November 26

Louis F. Ellison left for Seattle to be with his brother while he undergoes surgery (64).

Mr. L. McGinnis, recently injured, in Ellensburg improving slowly (64).

December 3

Harvey Briggs, the son of Wm. Briggs, is sick with pneumonia (64).

William Mattox had 19 teeth pulled by Dr. Dauley. His wife had 9 pulled (64).

December 10

Mr. and Mrs. Walters eldest daughter died Sunday night, age 11 years (64).

J. C. Ellison had 8 tumors removed by operation in Seattle (64).

December 24

J. C. Ellison is home for Christmas. He will return to Seattle for more treatment later (64).

1898

January 7

A few pupils are still recovering from chicken-pox (64).

Mr. Bert Hutchinson is seriously sick with la grippe, and it is feared that it may result in pneumonia (64).

Mr. McGinnis is recovering from his injuries and has been removed to the Thorp hotel (64).

John Ellison recovering slowly (64).

Mr. J. E. Veach is quite sick (64).

January 14

Bert Hutchinson died of pneumonia at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. Briggs, on January 4th. He was 41 years of age and had lived in this vicinity about 20 years (64).

January 21

Mr. Briggs, while traveling to Ellensburg last Wednesday, was taken sick suddenly. He was brought home and is now suffering from pneumonia. We all sympathize with Mr. Briggs and think he has had more than his share of sickness this winter (64).

February 4.

Mr. Briggs recovering slowly from Pneumonia (64).

M. J. Goodwin on sick list (64).

February 25

J. C. Ellison died Monday eveing, February 21st, at 2:30 p.m., at 45 years, 3 months and 10 days. He was born in Miller county, Missouri, near Tuscumbia. He was one among the first ranchers in the

county to join the Farmer's Alliance when it reached this country in 1891. He was a delegate to the State Federation that met in Ellensburg, December 14, 1891, that gave birth to the people's party. At a meeting held early in 1892 for the purpose of organizing the people's party in the state, he was elected chairman of the party, which position he held with credit to himself and an honor to the party until the campaign of 1894 set in. He was nominated for county treasurer on the Populist ticket in 1894, and received a handsome vote. In 1896, he was nominated for county assessor on the Populist ticket and was elected by a nice majority. He was always a staunch supporter of reform and prided himself on being among the first in the country to help in the organization of the People's Party. He was a great peace maker, and many times stepped in between his friends and put down trouble. He was, for a number of years, a member of the Christian Church of Ellensburg, but after the organization of the church at or near Thorp, he went with the congregation at that place, and in organizational meeting was elected elder, which position he held up to the time of death. He leaves four brothers and a sister, besides a wife and 6 children (64).

February 26

After a continuous illness of almost a year with the dreaded disease, cancer, John C. Ellison, assessor of Kittitas County, crossed over the dark river last Monday, at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Ellison was 45 years of age, and was a man liked and respected by all who knew him. He was elected assessor in 1896.

The services were conducted from the Union Church in Thorp, at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 22. The deceased leaves a wife and 4 children to mourn his loss (53).

March 4

Maggie Duncan, Zola Thorp and Willie Ellison have the measles (64).

March 5

Frank Weed is up and well (53).

March 18

R. B. Banks died with the sinking of the Clara Nehe, February 2, as it sailed from Skagway. He left a wife and 6 children (64).

June 3

Miss Clara Southern died at her home in Thorp on Saturday, May 28. She was born in Linn County, Oregon, in 1872, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Southern, lived until 1877. They then moved to Yakima where they lived until 1880; at which time they came to the Kittitas Valley as one of the earliest settlers. She was apparently a very healthy girl, never complaining until 2 weeks ago, when she suddenly was taken sick with intermittent fever and it caused her sudden death. Miss Southern was the youngest daughter. She had two sisters and four brothers. Rev. Bird conducted the service at Thorp (64).

Mr. Graves, of North Yakima, was here the first part of the week doing dental work (64).

December 2

J. C. Goodwin went over to Seattle last week to consult with opticians as to one of his eyes that was injured at the time he was so nearly killed last fall. He found that no relief was to be had (64).

December 23

Miss Susie Yearwood, who had her leg broken about three months ago, is still unable to walk (64).

Mr. Graves of North Yakima, was here the first part of the week doing dental work (64).

December 30

B. D. Southern fell and is confined to home. He is much better (64).

1899

January 13

Mrs. Ike Burns recently suffered from a stroke of paralysis. She is in critical condition at present (64).

January 20

A new kind of measles, called German Measles, is breaking out among the children (64).

February 3

A little son of Isaac Burns, near Thorp, was accidentally kicked by a horse on Monday, and was seriously hurt. It was thought for some hours that he would not live but it is believed now he will recover (64).

May 12

George Gordon went to Seattle to have treatment for a bad eye (64).

July 28

Ben Veach had quite a close call for an extended visit to the

sweet bye and bye yesterday. Cause, an unruly cayuse. Effect, numerous patches of hide and hair missing from his left cranium, and his face looks like he had come in contact with a swarm of kissing bugs (64).

August 18

Norman Osborn, son of R. M. Osborn is seriously ill with typhoid fever (64).

December 8

Thomas A. Morrison died on Thorp Prarie, Monday, December 11 (64).

Prof. Veach, J. E. Veach's brother, is very ill (64).

1900

June 2

Ben Pease's wife has been an invalid for quite some time (53).

December 8

Mrs. Nancy Mason died at her home in Ellensburg last Monday. She was born in Madison County, New York, September 10, 1825. Her maiden name was Nancy Hollenbeck. On September 10, 1847, she married A. T. Mason, to which six children were born. (Three were living at the time of her death.) They came to Kittitas County in 1877 and settled on a piece of land on the westside of the Yakima River (near Thorp) in this valley, where by good management they built up a home for themselves. Several years ago, being old and having accumulated enough to live on in their declining years, they sold their ranch, bought property and built a house in the city. Mrs. Mason was 75 years, 2 months and 23 days old (53).

1901

January 18

"Pierced by a Bullet"

A Fatal Shooting Scrape at Thorp Last Saturday.

Last Saturday, near Thorp, W. R. Crawford shot and fatally wounded G. Huhn. It is claimed that the immediate cause of the trouble was in Huhn, who was driving along the road with a load of hay, and meeting Mr. Crawford, tried to drive over him. Mr. Crawford, it is said, warned Huhn, who was continually abusing him, to cease, but after enduring it as long as he could, he fired the fatal shot. The real cause, however, it seems, from reports, is an old feud over a division fence. Sheriff Brown arrested Mr. Crawford and placed him in jail and on Monday afternoon he gave a bond of \$1000 and was given his liberty. The same afternoon, Huhn was brought to town that the doctors might be able to keep a close watch over him and if he rallied sufficiently, to perform an operation, but he failed to rally and died Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock.

Mr. Crawford was brought back to town Tuesday afternoon by John Newman, and Sheriff Brown placed him in jail to await his hearing.

Judging from reports and expressions of the people, Mr. Crawford has the sympathy of everybody. He has been a resident of the valley about 20 years. At the post mortem it was developed that he (Huhn) was shot in the groin, the ball passing almost through the body, cutting the intestines in four places.

Huhn was buried in the Thorp Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon (64)

George Maynard of Thorp, died Tuesday (64).

Erwin Antwine, an Indian, died Tuesday, near Thorp (64).

February 1

A boy was born Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Rigby (64).

Dr. Mahan reports Mrs. Schele of Thorp has been quite ill but doing nicely now (64).

February 8

On Tuesday morning of this week, there was an Indian found in a small creek in the county road west of C. A. Splawn's place. Upon investigation he was found to be an Indian called "Jim." He was lying in the water and as it was a cold night and the water not very deep he was frozen in. Upon taking him out there was found in his pockets a bottle of alcohol and one of whiskey. It appeared that he had been to Cle Elum or Roslyn with fish and had gotten nearly home when he became very thirsty and attempted to get a drink from the creek and fell in and was too full of bad whiskey to get out (64).

March 8

Dr. Dulin has located in Thorp where he will continue the practice of his profession (64).

April 5

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Green on March 30, 1901 (64).

May 31

Alfred St. John was in town for the first time since cleared from smallpox quarantine (64).

July 19

One of Mrs. Allie Ellison's teams ran away Saturday with the hay buckler and hurt the driver some, but he was getting on nicely (64).

Chapter 14

RESIDENTS AND RESIDENCES

1893

March 18

J. L. Mills and family are moving into the house formerly occupied by the A. Greens (51).

March 25

F. P. Hutchinson is making great improvements on his farm (51). Oscar Hutchinson and wife, who left last December, for Minnesota, on their wedding trip, have returned home (51).

April 1

Ike Bross is now the owner of a fine roadster.

H. Crondell is improving his town property with a new fence (51).

April 15

Town lots facing Main Street are worth 100 dollars (51).

Mr. Matthew and family moved into the house formerly occupied by Prof. Moss (51).

James Mason has a new hack (51).

1894

February 9

On Monday, Joseph Hanlon and Hattie Hatfield were married (53).

1895

June 1

Several new buildings are to be erected in Thorp in the near

future. Thorp is progressing (53).

December 21

Don't forget Jack Osborn has a brave dog. When you are calling for washing again, beware the dog or beware the clothesline (53).

December 28

The Roslyn Sentinel states that a son of F. M. Thorp has struck it rich in Alaska, having sold some mining property for \$40,000 (53).

1896

February 1

Mr. Frank Martin and family have moved into Mr. Olney's home, Mr. Olney moving to Seattle (53).

February 8

Thursday there was a surprise party celebrating the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Pardee (53).

Jack Osborn is going to build a house for "refuge" coal (53).

J. E. Veach, our clothing merchant, is going to erect a new barn on his property here (53).

February 15

The Morrison boys moved a house from Mr. Newman's ranch three miles below here, to his place last Saturday. They had good luck and landed it safe and sound on Railroad Street (53).

Mr. Sandell is talking of building an addition to his residence (53).

February 22

Thorp will soon have a vacant house, the first in her history (53).

February 29

Mr. Newman is erecting an addition to his house in Thorp (53).

The horse race here Saturday, terminated in an abrupt ending, in which one of the riders, his horse, and a dog became violently mixed up. No one, the dog included, was seriously injured. Mr. McAfee came out of the fray with an ugly looking scratch on his nasal organ. The major should prohibit horse racing in the main streets (53).

March 7

"Uncle Hort" says the comet is going to strike right in the middle of Thorp. "Uncle Hort" is a pretty good prophet, but we hope that his forecasts in this case will not come true (53).

March 21

Marvin Barnett is erecting a new residence north of Thorp (53).

The "taffy pull" Wednesday night was a pleasant affair (53).

April 11

Thorp now has two vacant houses (53).

George St. John moved into his new residence last week (53).

Paddy Goss doing carpenter work (53).

April 18

Frank Hutchinson is doing carpenter work for Will Stevens (53).

May 2

Ike Bross moved into the Morrison residence (53).

November 21

Floods - Upper Bridge done for and Lower Bridge can't last long (53).

1897

February 6

J. M. Newman, our new top commissioner of Thorp, has completed and moved into as fine a residence as there is in the vicinity of the charming little city of Thorp (64) (see illustration, p. xi).

May 15

L. C. Wynegar and L. F. Ellison are looking for gold (64).

June 17

A. J. Splawn and Miss Larsen were married in Ellensburg, Thursday (53).

July 3

M. Barnett returned from the "New Find" last Sunday, after 3 months and one day in the gold camp (64).

George B. Green, David Kellicutt, James Hutchinson, Bert Hutchinson, Martin Barnett, and Conn Butterbaugh are prospecting in the Fish Lake District (64).

September 24

Jon W. Crawford and Ellen Asperwall were married Thursday, September 16, by Rev. M. H. Marvin (64).

November 19

A foot race has been arranged between Clark Davis of

Meaghersville, and Marcus Bertram, of Thorp, to beat Meaghersville, November 25, 1897. Each party has put 20 dollars in the safe of H. M. Bryant as forfeit money (64).

November 26

Mr. M. A. Thorp has rented the N. A. Sandell's house where he intends to live this winter (64).

The people are preparing to give "thanks" for the bountiful crops (64).

December 10

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Barnett to H. Lord will take place at the home of the bride, December 11, 1897. The invited guests are as follows; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Sandell, J. E. Veach, J. Osborne, M. A. Thorp, J. L. Mills, F. Gordon, H. Ramm, J. E. Rego, O. Hutchinson, and O. Newman, Mrs. R. Pardee, Mr. J. M. Newman, Miss M. Ellison, Mrs. L. Ellison, Miss M. Newman, and F. Hutchinson, H. Hutchinson, J. Hutchinson, J. Hatfield, T. Kinney, and C. Borroughs, Mrs. W. N. Briggs, and Mr. Orin Briggs. A sumptuous repast will be served and many beautiful presents given (64).

December 24

L. T. Castor has moved to Thorp from his Teanaway farm (64).

1898

January 7

Mr. Castor has bought the Morrison place (64).

Mr. Newman is attending commissioners court (64).

January 21

Skating and sleighing parties are the rage here at present (64).

March 4

Kittitas Valley has majority of Kittitas County population of 8,000 (64).

Mr. George Green (formerly of Thorp) has been visiting from Oregon (64).

Mr. George Oxford has purchased a part of Mr. Rigby's place. That looks rather suspicious, George (64).

Mr. Ross Mason began work for J. Goodwin, Monday, for the summer (64).

Miss Minnie Newman had a present of a very nice saddle given by her father (64).

March 5

George Green is in Oregon (53).

March 18

J. E. Veach purchased some land from M. A. Thorp (64).

Mr. Rigby has been working on his home this week (64).

April 1

D. Curry bought Mr. Crandell's lots (64).

April 22

Minnie Newman has a new bicycle (64).

Ernest Anderson, of Ellensburg visited Miss Minnie Newman, Sunday evening (64).

April 23

War with Spain - blockade of Cuba, Company includes J. J. Putman, E. Southern, Marcus Bertram, A. E. Snyder, Fred Mason, S. C. Davidson (53).

June 3

W. C. Hayward lately received his fine new carriage which he imported from Portland. All that Mr. Hayward needs now is an occupant for the front seat (64).

Preparations are being made for the celebration at Page's Grove on the 4th of July (64).

Norman Goodwin has opened his hardware agency at Ellensburg. We will miss Norman's face at Thorp (64).

June 8

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mason left Monday night, for New York state, where they will visit friends (53).

July 8

The celebration at Page's Grove was a grand success. The procession started from the Packwood school house about 11 o'clock. Besides the liberty wagon, there was a boat representing Dewey and his sailor boys which was very appropriate. After reaching the grove the wind subsided, or rather we did not feel it. A few patriotic songs were sung and Judge C. B. Graves delivered a very eloquent oration which was suitable for the occasion. Quite a number of people from Ellensburg and Roslyn were present (64).

September 30

A. T. Mason and wife returned from Jamestown, New York, on Sunday (64).

October 22

The Fusion Party visited Thorp (53).

October 28

Wm. Briggs left for Yakima Valley to live (64).

December 17

Miss Sarah Gordon is Postmistress at Thorp (53)

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Packwood left for California on annual visit (53).

December 23

Miss Minnie Newman celebrated her 20th birthday December 17th, with 40 friends in attendance (64).

1899

January 13

Miss Rosa Pollington's 16th birthday was celebrated at Mr. Ramm's (64).

February 24

The Golden Copper King and the Golden Gate Milling Company are headed by T. J. Vinton, and have their head quarters in Thorp. They mine in Frosty Creek area of Tanum Canyon (64).

April 21

F. B. Rigby is making much needed improvements to his home (64).

May 5

J. H. Scott, the big hearted furniture dealer, supplied the Thorp band with their new instruments. The thirteen piece band is directed by Prof. Wood (64).

May 12

Horace Hutchinson and wife of Goshen, Oregon, are the guests of their sons, James and Frank (64).

June 30 -Thorp Band

The long drawn out and sweet silvery strains of unprecedented blatant music from Thorp's Amateur Brass Band, as she pipes to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, would make the wild-eyed and unchristianed cannibals abandon the intended feast of a newly captured and fat missionary, and hie himself to his native jungle. The city of Thorp may well be proud, not only of their music, but she has got the finest looking band that ever tooted horns since the palmy show days of Dan Rice's one ring circus.

-Horton Crandell- (64).

July 7

The following are the winners of races on the Fourth at Page's Grove: ½ mile bicycle race, 1st prize, Roy Weaver; Boy's bicycle race, 1st prize, Leroy Frisbee; 2nd, Chester Shoudy. Foot race, 100 yards, J. G. Putman. Three legged race, Mason and Newman. Boys' 50 yard footrace, 1st prize, John Dewiscourt; 2nd, Mason. Sack race, 1st prize, J. W. Davis; 2nd, Ed Nelson. Hop, step, and jump, J. J. Putman.

We had a grand 4th of July picnic at Page's Grove, despite the elements that threatened to destroy our holiday festivities. The Hon. Ralph Kauffman delivered an oration that was quite superior in every

respect. It was raining quite hard, but I do not think the patriotic American citizens noticed the rain until after the speaking closed. In fact it ceased raining and the wind began blowing and the band boys began to finger the keys of their instruments, which produced strains of patriotic music that would make the G. A. R. men feel quite young again.

The reading of the Declaration of Independence by C. V. Warner was superb, and the wind blew some more and the Ellensburg band boys furnished sweet music for the multitude until further orders.

The recitation by Miss Prater, a parody on George Washington and his hatchet, took the balance of the cake. And the band boys played their best!

The rest of the program was enacted with great credit to the performers. The Marshall of the day and his aides did their duty with neatness and dispatch, and in fact there was no hitch in any of the proceedings and everything was lovely and the goose hung high.

But, Mr. Editor, it is a slow day in Thorp on the 5th. There might be flies on the Thorp people today and they wouldn't be conscious of their Misery. -So Mote It Be- (64).

September 22

Allie Green and the Mason brothers found a bee tree, Sunday, which yielded a large quantity of honey (64).

October 13

Horace Hutchinson returned to Goshen, Oregon (64).

November 17

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ramm are in California (64).

1900

May 12

J. Newman, daughter and little son, visited Marion County, Oregon for the first time since leaving in 1879 (53).

July 28

Allen Green, son of Mrs. A. T. Mason and Miss Gager were married Monday (53).

August 4

George Green is in Thorp still (53).

September 22

J. E. Veach is Democratic candidate for Legislature (53).

September 28

Moses Splawn is in Thorp (53).

1901

January 4

E. E. Southern and Geo. Green are in Thorp (64).

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Packwood celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary (64).

January 18

Frank J. Page is from Thorp (64).

Crawford held in Huhn shooting (64).

January 25

Thos. B. Goodwin is on three or four legislative committees

including, agricultural, congressional appointment, game and fish, and penitentiary (64).

Crawford was arraigned before Justice Boyle on Saturday. He was represented by C. B. Graves, with A. Mires representing the state due to illness of Prosecuting Attorney Warner. Dr. McCauley, Huhn's attending physician, was put on the stand as was Sheriff Brown. Crawford was bound over to the Superior Court on the charge of manslaughter and his bond was fixed at \$3,000. He was released Wednesday (64).

February 1

B. F. Veach and H. M. Hawthorn are home from the Dutch Miller Mines (64).

February 8

All Hollingsworth is putting finishing touches on the interior of G. B. Green's residence this week (64).

Miss Lillian Gager and Mrs. A. M. Green, sisters, are from Thorp (64).

March 8

Representative T. B. Goodwin was in town (64).

March 15

Harry Ford and family have moved onto the Hatfield farm west of Thorp, better known as the Jas. Mason ranch (64).

W. E. Thorp visited last Friday, returning Sunday to Tacoma to work in N. P. car shops (64).

Wm. Briggs, of Toppenish, is visiting O. Hutchinson. Briggs once lived one mile west of Thorp (64).

April 5

F. P. Hutchinson is putting the finishing touches on Wilcox's residence (64).

Mr. Lowe purchased lots from M. A. Thorp on which he will build (64).

Andy McDonald's residence with all contents burned a few days ago (64).

Milford Thorp went to Ellensburg for the first time in 6 months. He hardly knew how to act! (64).

April 25

Porter Orndoff was in Ellensburg on legal business (64).

Mrs. Zama Veach is putting up a nice residence (64).

May 3

D. A. Secor returned to Thorp (64).

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Rigby left for New York visit (64).

May 10

D. B. Southern sold to Wm. Sherwood and left for Oregon (64).

May 17

J. D. Cross and Johnny Veach, from Thorp, were in Ellensburg (64).

Walter Hayward is buying material for a new home. He is going to visit New York (64).

Al Hollingsworth is putting finishing touches on L. A. Veach's new residence (64).

O. W. Pautzke was out from town last week making snap shots of

various places (64).

May 31

E. C. Hartle and A. M. Green, from Thorp, were in Ellensburg (64).

W. C. Hayward is in Massachusetts (old home) from which he has been absent for 16 years (64).

June 7

A marriage license was issued to Everett E. Southern and Lillian Gager (64).

June 21

Thorp will not celebrate on the 4th. There will be a grand ball in the evening (64).

July 12

M. A. Thorp, purchased a section of railroad land while in Tacoma last week (64).

July 27

A. L. Hollingsworth has moved up near Thorp, living on the W. C. Hayward place out south of town (64).

August 3

Roy Ellison of Thorp Prarie was in Ellensburg (64).

Chapter 15

FARMING NOTES

1879

June 23

A transfer of water rights from F. M. Thorp to Emma Bertram for all rights Thorp bought of James Stevens to a ditch out of Tanum Creek (2:173).

1885

W. R. Crawford filed a water right to SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28 T19 R17 (2:69).

1886

January 20

Thomas B. Goodwin filed a water right to spring water for domestic and irrigating purposes to NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22 T18 R17 (2:101).

1889

February 23

The cattle on the range are in very poor condition at this time. Should the weather in March be wet and cold, as it usually is, a great many will die. The day for large herds depending solely on what they can catch on the range in the winter has gone by. Reduced

herds and feeding through winter will have to be the rule in the future. It is more humane, and perhaps, more profitable in the end (52).

Farm hands paid \$25-30 per month, common labor gets \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day, carpenters get \$3-4 per day, and brick masons get \$5-6 per day (52).

June 22

Good milk cows selling from \$22 to \$26 and there is not much demand (52).

1890

March 1

Due to no snow past winter (1888-1889) there was little water this past summer (1889) and the hay crop was poor. All hay sold or well nigh consumed. Price for Timothy, baled, is now \$30 per ton. Eggs which are high and scarce are selling at 30 to 40 cents per dozen (51).

March 8

Hay is up to \$40 per ton due to severe winter (51).

November 12

Eggs are 30 cents per dozen. Pears are selling for 6 cents per pound (51).

1893

March 11

The farmers are waiting patiently for the ground to thaw out so they can commence plowing. Old winter seems to be very unwilling

to leave us (51).

March 18

On account of the conditions of the roads, traveling by wagon is difficult these days (51).

March 25

Dave Calicutt shipped a car load of potatoes to the Sound (51).

April 1

L. T. Castor is buying and shipping potatoes (51).

Some plowing started (51).

April 8

Eggs down from 35 cents to 20 cents per dozen. Hay at Puget Sound is selling for \$11 to \$13 per ton, straw for \$8 per ton. Wheat is selling for \$24 to \$26 per ton and oats for \$30 per ton.

April 15

Milford Thorp shipped a carload of baled hay to Willis Thorp, of Alaska, a few days ago (51).

Poultry wanted at Thorp (51).

May 13

G. H. Greene shipped 44 barrels of flour to Ellensburg last week from the North Star Mill (51).

Goodwin Boys are busy shipping hay (51).

May 27

Heavy rain on May 19th (51).

T. B. Goodwin is erecting a large barn on his farm, one mile

west of the town (51).

1894

July 14

Ponies are five to seven dollars and coming down (53).

Squirrel infestation is destroying the crops. The disease was wiped out but is increasing again. The loss will reach 60% (53).

1895

April 6

Cows are selling for up to 30 dollars (53).

August 10

J. C. Ellison will have 500 tons of hay to sell (64).

Johnny Goodwin raised fine peaches on his ranch (64).

October 12

Wm. Turner will ship three cars of sweet potatoes to Montana Market next week. He lost 100 bushels by freezing as they were dug and left outside without proper covering (64).

December 21

A good deal of pressed hay is shipped from Thorp for points on the sound by W. D. Killmore, Tom Goodwin, and others (53).

1896

January 11

Several car loads of pressed hay were shipped from here last week (53).

January 18

A carload of very choice potatoes were shipped from here this week (53).

Pressed hay shipped (53).

February 8

Shipping is dull at present (53).

February 15

Jack Gray and Ole Nelson took pigs to Roslyn Thursday from the Goodwin ranch (53).

February 22

Goodwin and Osborn shipped a carload of apples on Wednesday (53).

February 29

Anyone wishing to buy a good Whitman hay press should call on or address Seth H. Hannon, Thorp. He has one for sale cheap (53).

March 21

E. R. Hatfield returned from Texas and brought back a bunch of raw cotton. It was the first seen in this area.

April 4

Fresh eggs sold at 10 cents per dozen, creamery butter at 45 cents for a two pound brick, and granulated sugar at fifteen pounds for one dollar (64).

April 11

Ed. Pease shipped two cars of timothy (53).

April 18

O. E. Hutchinson sent a load of pigs to Schlotfeldt's in Roslyn, Tuesday (53). Joe Hanlon and Frank Turner milking large numbers of cows on the Thorp ranch (53).

May 2

Mr. Page is building a large barn on his place below here (53).

November 14

Wheat is now at the 70 cents mark. Frank Weed, of the westside, says that he is making 30 dollars every time wheat goes up a cent. He held all of his wheat and will hold for a little higher raise (53).

December 5

It was minus 29 degrees last week (53).

1897

April 17

Thomas Goodwin has 200 tons of hay he is holding for \$10 per ton (53).

June 17

1000 head of sheep were sold to a Seattle firm for \$2.50 per head (53).

June 26

400,000 tons of wool was sold for $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound to Jas. Ramsey (64).

J. E. Rego has 20 head of pure bred shorthorns (64).

July 24

Hay is selling for \$9 per ton on board rail cars (64).

September 10

Wm. Killmore cut six acres of land this season and at one cutting got 37 tons of timothy hay (64).

October 30

Wheat is selling at 71 cents, oats one cent per pound, Barley 65 cents per hundred pounds and potatoes 8-10 dollars per ton (64).

December 4

Onions are selling for \$1.50 per hundred pounds, potatoes, in Tacoma, for 12 dollars per ton, hay, baled, at \$12 per ton, straw for 2 dollars per load (64).

December 24

Hay is \$12.50 per ton on board cars (64).

1898

January 7

R. Pardee sold hay for \$12 per ton (64).

January 14

1898-1899 Weather:

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Snow</u>	<u>Rain and Melted Snow</u>
January	40	2	24	18	1.05
February	40	4	28	11	1.55
March	56	6	31		.25
April	84	30	52		.10
May	98	32	62		.25

	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	Snow	Rain and Melted Snow
June	94	40	63		.50
July	102	46	67		.27
August	104	40	41		T
September	88	30	56		.02
October	80	26	47	T	.27
November	60	10	34	14	4.92
December	40	6	24	19	5.05
Total				62	14.23
1896				62	15.00
1895				50	6.26
1894				49	8.99 (64).

February 26

Onions are \$40 per ton or 12½ cents per pound (53).

March 4

Mr. W. C. Hayward is now the proprietor of the A. T. Mason farm (64).

March 11

Farm hands were paid 18 dollars per month and mill and shop laborers received 20 to 25 dollars per month in 1897 (64).

April 16

Adam Stevens sold a one year old Jersey heifer calf for 100 dollars to Andrew Anderson of Stanwood (53).

June 3

C. Splawn has returned from his trip to Yakima Valley where he has been gathering his horses (64).

June 8

26 loaves of bread for one dollar (53).

August 6

Upon application of J. M. Newman, the Board of Equalization orders the valuation on the improvements on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24 T18 R17, be reduced from a valuation of \$640.00 to \$400.00 (21:61).

December 9

60,000 head of sheep were shipped from Kittitas County during the year 1898 (64).

I have some Ohio Improved Chester white male pigs for sale. Call on or address John M. Newman, Thorp, Washington (64).

December 16

C. V. Wynegar, of Thorp, has purchased a fine Hereford bull calf of A. J. Splawn, of North Yakima (64).

December 30

J. A. Yearwood butchered some hogs last week of the Ohio Improved Chester breed which dressed 265 pounds at the age of 8 months. It pays to raise that kind of swine (64).

1899

February 17

F. J. Mossman, a merchant of Thorp, who is at the Brooklyn on a visit to Tacoma, reports a winter of plenty in his neighborhood. Thorp depends chiefly on its hay fields, raising thousands of tons of the best timothy, which is marketed all over the state. But little grain is grown. The recent good prices for hay has placed the farmers

in an independent condition, and Thorp is one of the most prosperous cities of the state (64).

February 24

If you want No. 1 grass seed at the bottom price leave your order with W. L. Goodwin, Thorp, Washington. He sells red clover for 10½ cents, alfalfa for 10 cents, and timothy at 6 cents. There is none better in the market (64).

March 3

T. B. Goodwin and son, N. L., are in Seattle. Mr. Goodwin, Sr. is looking over the hay market expecting to market something like 400 tons. He generally gets a premium for his timothy, as it is usually fine, well cured, and free from weeds. Ranch and Range (64).

J. M. Newman has an Ohio Improved Chester white hog that measures six feet two and one-half inches around the body. Who can beat it? It weighed 752½ pounds (64).

March 24

R. Pardee purchased a mate for his horse from Mr. Randolph (64).

April 7

Chas. M. Edgington has finished his work at Thorp for Mrs. J. C. Ellison (64).

Farm hands get 25 to 30 dollars plus board and room (64).

J. M. Newman recently bought a new top buggy (64).

May 12

For rent - a pasture, plenty of water, and good shelter and good fence. Apply to G. V. Huhn, Thorp, Washington (64).

J. E. Veach purchased a fine driving horse (64).

June 9

Alfred St. John has for sale two thoroughbred Ohio Improved Chester sows (64).

August 7

For L. L. Cross, the Board reduced the value of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T19 R16, from \$300 to \$200 or \$1.25 per acre. Also, the improvements were reduced \$20, from \$70 to \$50 (21:68).

August 11

John Newman and John Yearwood have purchased one of the latest improved headers for grain (64).

September 22

The Equalization Board of Kittitas, sixth class county, raised land values from \$2.75 in 1898 to \$2.80 per acre (64).

September 29

Al Snyder raised 50 bushels per acre of wheat (64).

1900

October 27

A Dedrick Baler, in good running order, for sale. Apply to T. B. Goodwin (53).

There is an epidemic among Westside horses. T. Goodwin has lost 9 valuable horses since hay harvest. Mr. Huhn has lost 3 (53).

1901

February 8

First class seed oats. Enquire or write J. M. Newman (64).

March 22

N. L. Goodwin is trying to buy all apples left in the county. He is offering 85 cents to \$1.25 per box owing to size and color of the fruit. A red apple will always sell for a good price at any market regardless of its eating qualities (64).

April 12 - THE NEWMAN LAND ROLLER

Manufactured at Thorp by the Thorp Manufacturing Company.
(8 sold last Saturday) (64).

April 19

T. B. Goodwin has a Percheron Stallion named Nero, weight 2050, height 17½ hands, 11 years old, dappled gray. He will be standing on the Goodwin ranch at Thorp on Monday through Thursday and at C. D. Palmer's Barn, Friday and Saturday. Terms, conditions and insurance, \$15.00 when the mare proves to be in foal (64); (58:23).

April 25

R. A. Turner's son John, got a horse cut on wire but it wasn't serious (64).

May 3

Isaac Burns is a well-to-do rancher (64).

Heavy rains near Thorp, Sunday and Monday (64).

May 17

John Wix is on Hayward ranch assisting John Turner with his farm work (64).

T. B. Goodwin is carrying hay this week. If he could load only a car per day it would take him two months to car his crop. At \$14.30 per ton you can readily see at a glance that Mr. Goodwin has something in sight. No wonder he thinks of putting up a fine residence (64).

John Turner has complete control of the Hayward Stock Ranch. Hayward is in New York on a visit (64).

May 31 - A Fine Ranch

It was a privilege of the writer to visit Mr. Hayward's ranch, one mile south of Thorp, recently, and enjoy his hospitality for an hour. Mr. Hayward is one of the men in this valley who has thoroughly demonstrated to his own satisfaction and that of others that farming here can be conducted on a successful basis. The first glance at the recent improvements made shows that he never does anything by halves. The old motto: "a place for everything and everything in its place" is carried out to the letter. His buildings are all constructed in a very convenient, substantial manner, and modern in every respect. His barn is probably not equaled by any other in this part of the state and would well pay a person to go for miles to see it. Mr Hayward says that this fall he expects to build a residence, and if we can judge anything by his other buildings, it will be a model in construction and convenience (64).

June 21

Alfalfa is selling at \$6 per ton (64).

July 7

Grain hay is worth \$8.50 per ton on board cars (64).

July 12

According to Joe Hull of Thorp Prairie, the crops look good considering no irrigation can be had and no rain to speak of has fallen this summer (64).

August 3

N. L. Goodwin, of Thorp, came near having his hay baler burned while baling hay for L. F. Ellison on the Bond ranch a few days ago. The baler was a new one and the fire was caused by friction, and while not entirely destroyed it was so badly burned as to cost him considerable to repair it (64).

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APPENDIX

TAPES OF PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

1. Mrs. George Brain (Alice Pearl Ellison)
2. Mrs. J. B. Brain (Lillian)
3. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fields
4. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher
5. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hatfield
6. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hutchinson
7. Mrs. James Ireland
8. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kain (Asal Hatfield)
9. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Karlson (Helen Hatfield)
10. Mrs. John McKinstry (Ova Lowe)
11. Mr. and Mrs. Kester Morrison
12. Mrs. Jesse R. Newman (Fern Burns)
13. Mr. Leonard Pease
14. Mr. Charles Porter