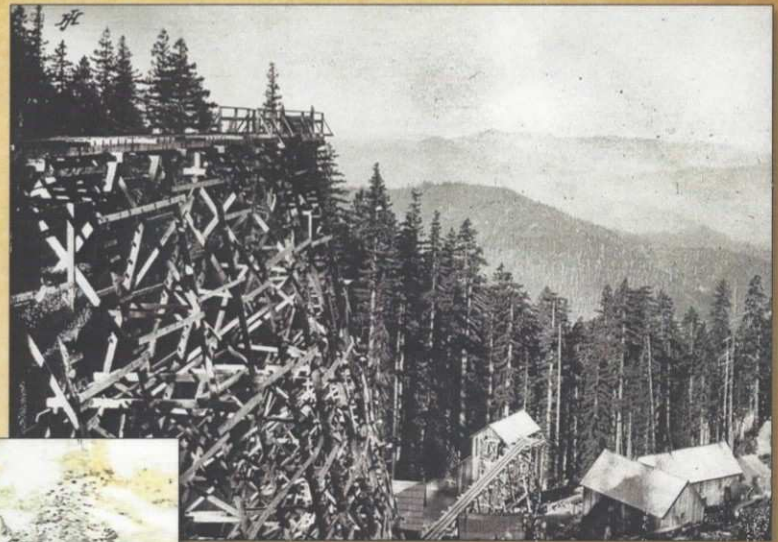


OREGON COUNTRY

BOHEMIA MINING DISTRICT

by Larry Maddux



Trestle work at the Vesuvius mine.



Musick mine at Bohemia City.

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We consider the purposeful grouping of historical artifacts and archival matter used to study a postal system an intrinsically valuable undertaking. Most postal history research involves answering questions -- inquiries into verifying historical events and conditions affecting the movements of the mail. Doing research promotes understanding and creates insights which can make members better-informed collectors. Members are encouraged to be open and inquisitive about the study of postal history.

EAST PORTLAND

Multnomah County

May 15, 1866 to March 4, 1892



East Portland was platted in 1865 by John Stephens, who laid out the town site in 1850 - 51. The East Portland post office was established on May 15, 1866, with Milton Hosford as the first postmaster. The office was closed on March 4, 1892 when by popular vote the town was consolidated with Portland and Albina. On March 5, 1892 the post office became Station "A" of Portland. Station "A" became the Classified Station of Portland on November 2, 1937 when the new post office building was dedicated by Postmaster General James A. Farley.

EUGENE

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OREGON EXPRESS



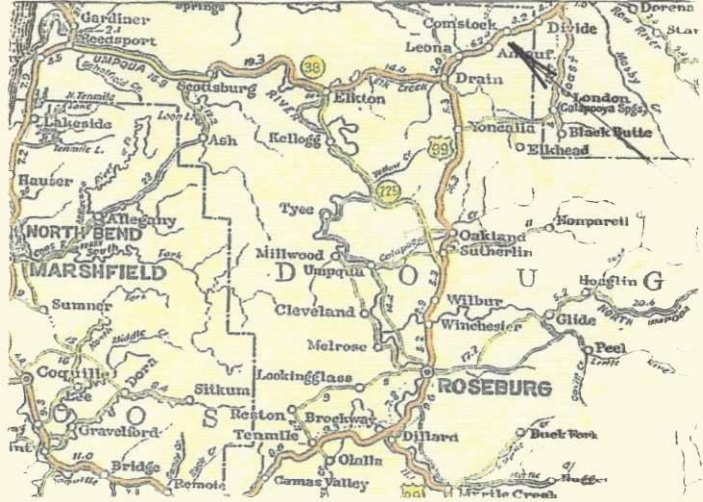
This 1869 past-up cover from Eugene, Wells Fargo & Co was sent by stage to Sacramento, California on January 6, 1869. Loaded up on the transcontinental railroad and arrived in New York before February 10, (red orange circular datestamp of New York exchange office showing letter fully paid), where it was put aboard Cunard Line ship "Russia" which left New York on Feb. 10, 1869 and arrive at Queenstown (Ireland) on Feb. 19 and London the next day (small red brown circular datestamp Right of New York handstamp).



Cunard Line, Steamship "RUSSIA". Launched on March 20, 1867 and was sunk in Collision at sea on March 5, 1902.

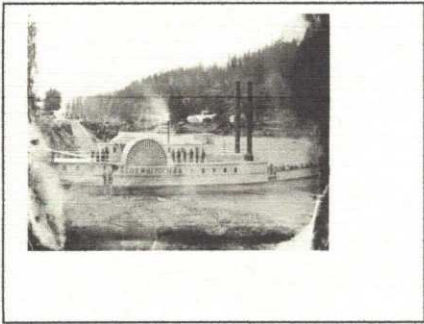
COMSTOCK

DOUGLAS COUNTY
1876 - 1924



THE POST OFFICE OF COMSTOCK WAS NAMED FOR JAMES J. COMSTOCK, WHO OWNED AND OPERATED THE LOCAL SAWMILL. THIS COMMUNITY WAS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD LINE, NEAR PASS CREEK, ABOUT A MILE NORTHEAST OF CURTIN. PRICHARD P. BODLEY SERVED AS THE FIRST POSTMASTER. THE POST OFFICE WAS NOT IN OPERATION FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 1878 TO APRIL 3, 1883. THE COMSTOCK POST OFFICE WAS CLOSED DOWN ON JUNE 30, 1924 WITH THE MAIL TRANSFERRED TO THE POST OFFICE AT CURTIN.





Sidewheeler, "Lot Whitcomb" ran twice weekly on the route from Milwaukie to Astoria.



May 21, (circa 1856), Vancouver W.T. with the second circular handstamp and 10 cent stamp paying the west coast rate to Chattanooga, Tennessee. This cover traveled from Vancouver W.T. down the Columbia River on the sidewheeler "Lot Whitcomb" to Astoria, Oregon, then by steamship to San Francisco where it was loaded onto the PMSS "Golden Age" to Panama City. It then crossed the Isthmus by train to Aspinwall where it was loaded onto to USMSC "Illinois" to New Orleans, then up river to Tennessee.

Winter Arrangements.

THE NEW STEAMER
Lot Whitcomb,

J. C. AINSWORTH, master

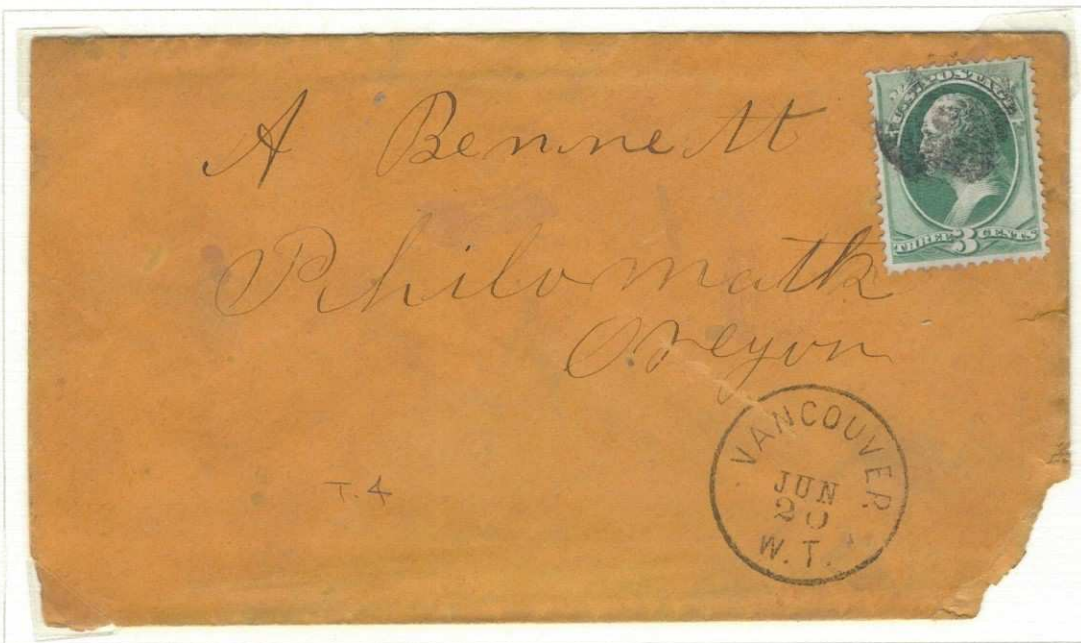
will leave Portland every Monday and Thursday, at 10 o'clock, in the morning, for Astoria, touching at all the intermediate points going down and returning.

Arrangements have been made by which freight for Oregon City will be forwarded by steamer Multnomah. The Multnomah will convey the Whitcomb's passengers to Oregon City.

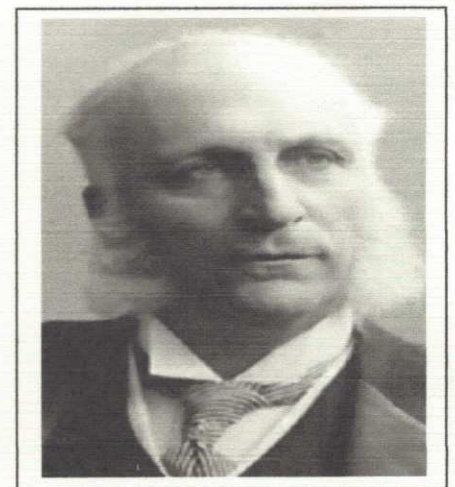
Passengers for the Whitcomb will leave Oregon City Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and Monday morning at half past seven, on the Multnomah.

The Whitcomb will tow vessels up and down as heretofore.

For freight or passage, apply to the captain on



Jun 20, (circa 1870's) Vancouver W.T. with the 3rd circular handstamp and 3 cent stamp paying the west coast rate to Philomath, Oregon a distance of approximate 106 miles. This cover traveled by the Oregon & California stage Company to Corvallis, Oregon then by carrier to Philomath.



William Kelly was the first Postmaster at Vancouver W.T.

Walla Walla was incorporated on January 11, 1862. During this decade the city became the largest community in the territory of Washington due to a gold rush in Idaho. Walla Walla population growth caused it to be considered the new state capital. Following this period of rapid growth, agriculture became the city's primary industry.



Recorded use of this straight line cancel was from November 17, 1862 to February of 1863. This cover traveled overland to the west where it was loaded onto the steamship "Tenino", to Portland, Oregon and onto a another ship to Astoria, Oregon and traveling down the west coast to San Francisco. It was then shipped to the Panama cancel and across to the east coast. The cover went by ship to New York, and then by train to Middleboro, Mass.



William Craig was the first postmaster of "Wailepta" (Walla Walla).



This cover was sent to J. Elkanah Walker (1844 -1922). Son of Elkanah Walker and Mary Richardson Walker, missionaries to the Spokane Indians in the Oregon Territory (now Washington State).



TRACY & CO'S OREGON EXPRESS



E. W. TRACY, E. NORTON, E. L. JAMES
PROPRIETORS.

ORGANIZED, Sept., 1859.

This Express was established for the purpose of transacting an Express and Forwarding Business, through the State of Oregon and Washington Territory, connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express at Portland and Yreka, and through them to all other places on the Pacific Coast, to the Atlantic States and Europe.

We receive and Receipt for Gold Dust to be forwarded to the U. S. Branch Mint for coinage.

We furnish Exchange on San Francisco, Atlantic States and Europe.

We attend to Commissions of all kinds.

We receive Notes, Drafts or Accounts for Collection.

OFFICES:

PORTLAND,	OREGON CITY,	EUGENE CITY,
VANCOUVER,	BUTTEVILLE,	OAKLAND,
CASCADES,	CHAMPOEG,	ROSEBURG,
DALLES,	DAYTON,	CANYONVILLE,
WALLA WALLA,	LAFAYETTE,	JACKSONVILLE,
LEWISTON,	SALEM,	PIERCE CITY,
ORO FINO,	ALBANY,	CORVALLIS.

Tracy & Co. Express Walla Walla, traveled overland to their Wallula, Washington office, then down the Columbia River to Portland.

TRACY & CO'S
EXPRESS

From Portland to all Points
in Boise Mines—Through Direct!

LEAVES PORTLAND every Monday morning.
Leaves Walla Walla every Thursday morning.

Parties wishing Letters forwarded by us to the mines should send by U. S. Mail to Portland, or Walla Walla, enclosed in care of Tracy & Co.

Aug 5, 1863.—47

L. COHY. J. S. ROSENFELD.

COHN & ROSENFELD,
Commission Merchants.

AND DEALERS IN
Oregon and California Produce of all kinds,
First St., bet. Morrison and Yamhill, Portland, Oreg.

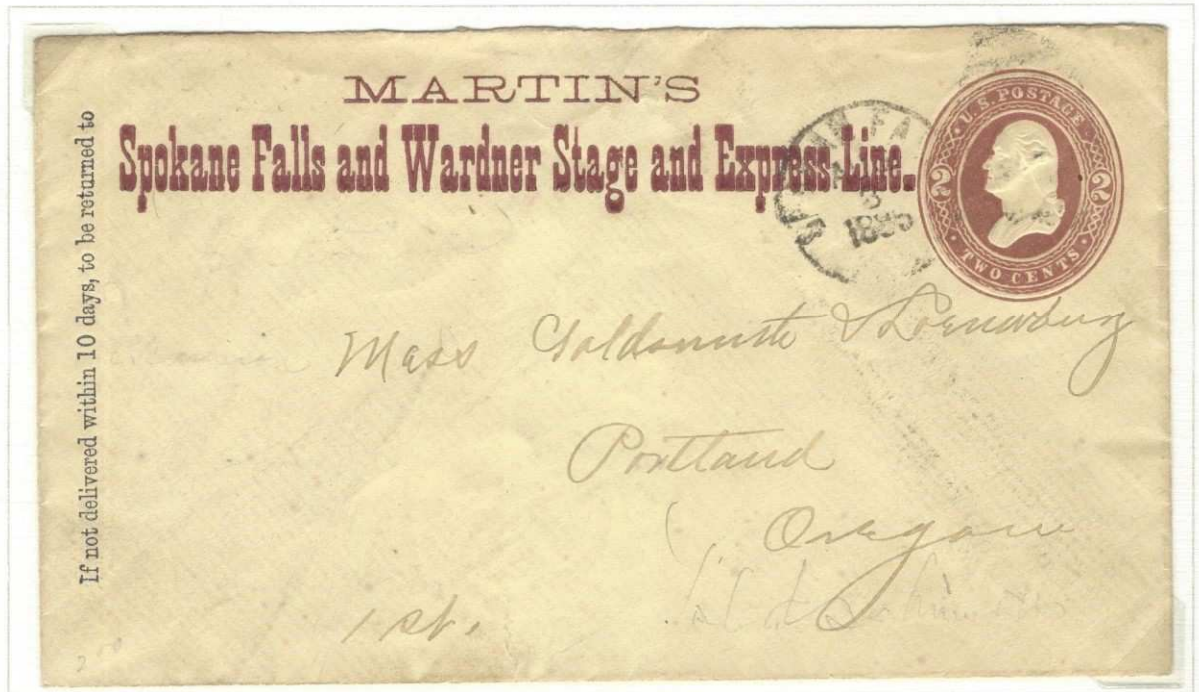
Cash paid for Butter, Eggs, Poultry and Hides.
ESTD COMMISSIONS SOLICITED.





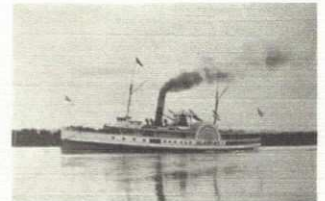
The Spokane Falls & Wardner Junction Stage in 1887.

This express operated from 1885 to 1886 over the Mullen Road from Spokane Falls, Washington to Wardner, Idaho via Coeur d' Alene and Kellogg, Idaho.



If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

In 1885 this cover would have been carried by stage to Spokane, Washington then loaded onto a Northern Pacific Railroad car and sent to Wallula Junction. At Wallula it would be transferred to the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company train for a trip west to Portland, Oregon.



Steamship "Alice" had the mail contract from Quilcene to Olympia, Wa.

This cover was carried by the Olympia & Chehalis Valley Railroad Company (1881-1890), they ran a 26 mile line from Port Townsend via Discovery Bay to Quilcene, Washington. From Quilcene it was loaded onto a steamship to Olympia where it was transferred to the Northern Pacific Railroad line and sent east to Walla Walla, Washington.

HOLLADAY O.M. CO'S VIRIGINIA CITY, MONTANA EXPRESS



Holladay O. M. & E. Co., Virginia City, Mon., Oct 26, 1866, double circle handstamp struck twice on 1864 3¢ pink entire with Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company printed frank, to Independence, Missouri, entered the mails with "Leavenworth, Kan., Nov 12" cds and cancel on the indicia, carried by outside the mails from Virginia City to Salt Lake City and then east on the Central Overland Route.

BEARTOWN

DEER LODGE COUNTY
1868 – 11873, 1875 – 1892

Beartown was a placer mining camp along with Grant and Coloma townsites, located in the hills north of Bearmouth in Deer Lodge County. During the late 19th century, enormously rich ore from these mining camps were brought into Bearmouth to be shipped to smelters.



Only known CDS
from Beartown,
Montana.

HELENA

WELLS FARGO & CO.

EXPRESS



**BOYD'S DESPATCH 39 FULTON ST.
MARKING WITH THEIR "PAID" CIRCLE**

CARROLL

FERGUS COUNTY

JUNE 22, 1874 to OCTOBER 30, 1877

APRIL 15, 1880 to JUNE 22, 1880

MAY 26, 1881 to NOVEMBER 28, 1882

Carroll and its trading post were established in 1874 by the Diamond R Transportation Company to move freight and passengers from the docks on the Missouri River to Helena, Montana. The post was named for Matthew Carroll, one of the company's founders. The steamboat landing was also called Carroll Landing. The 7th U. S. Infantry garrisoned the post in the summers of 1874 and 1875. Joseph Kipp had a trading post here from 1880 to 1882, which consisted of a trade store, storehouse, and residence. Both the town and fort were abandoned in 1882.



The only 2 recorded postmarks from this office. These markings are from the first period of operation.

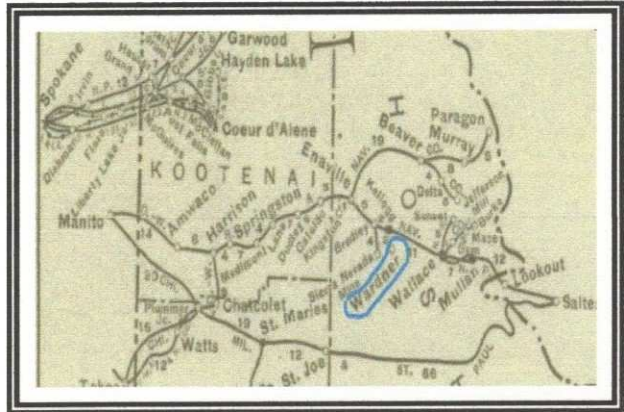


WARDNER, IDAHO

Established: January 22, 1887

Discontinued: March 30, 1973

The town of Wardner was founded in 1885 at the site of Bunker Hill mine, located in the Silver Valley mining region. The town was named for Joe Wardner, an early promoter of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mines in the 1880's.



PATTERSON & CO'S BOISE' AND SALT LAKE CITY EXPRESS



Patterson's Boise Express ran overland in 1863 and 1864 from Bannock City (also known as West Bannock and later Idaho City) through unsettled Indian country to Utah Territory. Patterson's intent was to provide a direct connection to the Central Overland Route for letters going to and from the eastern states. The need for Patterson's service to Utah diminished when a mail contract between Salt Lake City and Walla Walla via Boise City was awarded in 1864.

BROADFORD, LOGAN COUNTY

June 14, 1880 to January 19, 1891



Broadford, Idaho was first established as Jacobs City in honor of a Frank W. Jacobs who founded the town. The city was renamed Broadford in 1880 and its main function was to serve the needs of the mined in the area, primarily the Minnie Moore and Queen of the Hills mines, two of the riches in the territory. The town had a population of around six hundred people in 1884. The first postmaster was Dan Harrington and served until 10 August 1881 when George B. Pinkham began as postmaster. The following postmaster served the Broadford postoffice with their begin dates: Aaron I. Garimer (25 April 1883), John C. Cunningham (11 June 1885), Warren P. Callahan (12 December 1889). The post office was discontinued on August 23, 1890 with the mail to Bellevue. The office was Re-established on October 31, 1890 with William L. Richardson as postmaster. Discontinued again on January 31, 1891 with mail to Bellevue.

PIONEER CITY I.T.

WELLS FARGO & CO.

EXPRESS

BOISE MINES --- Paid 50 Cts.

Below a WFE - 031 frank is a single red line of text measuring 84 - 85 mm.
Located top center on the Nesbitt 1861 three cent pink.

