

Some of the Men Who Make Leavenworth Grow

LEAVENWORTH

Its Advantages, Possibilities, Improvements, Progress and Promise

Of all the towns in the coast country that bid for their share of the life-giving eastern and other immigration, none can, perhaps, at the present time, more consistently repeat an uncurtailed resume of the manifold advantages it offers to the prospective settler than can our own town of Leavenworth.

Primarily, the financial cataclysm which has flooded the country "from center to circumference" happily has had less effect in disturbing the business and unsettling the condition of trade in Leavenworth than in any other town of any size in the whole northwestern country.

The Echo must not be misunderstood as claiming that not even the spray of the country's cataclysmical financial experience has reached Leavenworth—no city or town in the country can claim that truthfully—but what it does insist, without fear of successful contradiction, is that its effects were less perceptible and less disturbing than in all this section.

To recapitulate—

Leavenworth, Chelan Co., Wash.

Is 142 miles from Seattle, 197 miles from Spokane, and 22 miles from Wenatchee, at the head of the great Wenatchee valley, famous for its large red apples and its superior adaptability for diversified horticulture and agriculture. Leavenworth is one of the most important divisions points on the Great Northern system, giving employment to never less than 300 and sometimes 400 men. On account of the railway improvements going on the past year, and which will likely require another year to complete, the latter number is more nearly correct.

In manufacturing, the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co., manufacturers of western pine lumber, boxes, and all other varieties of native pine and fir building material, has one among the largest and best-equipped manufacturing plants in the state, employing constantly from 200 to 300 men.

Within the past two years 165,000 fruit trees have been set out within a radius of four miles of Leavenworth, and their is room for over two million more. Fruit land is selling well and advancing every year.

In the mining industry, Leavenworth is pre-eminently and of necessity the base of supplies for a very large and but partially-prospected and developed mineral territory. The oldest developed mine in the state is located at Blewett, 16 miles from Leavenworth. It has yielded over \$1,500,000 in gold.

The Chelan Consolidated Copper Co., composed of New York capitalists, spent \$100,000 on its Red Mountain property last year, and is almost sure to build a railroad, to connect its mines with the Great Northern, within the coming year.

The Tumwater Copper Mining Co., owning a number of valuable claims, is developing one in sight of the town, on which from ten to fifteen men are constantly employed, paying from \$150 to \$300 for labor every week.

About the 21st of every month the Great Northern railway company pays to its employees at Leavenworth from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Every Thursday the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co. disburses among its employees from \$3,500 to \$4,500, or from \$15,000 to \$18,000 per month.

Leavenworth's population is 1200. It has a superb gravity water system.

It has an efficient and satisfactory electric light plant.

It has an \$18,000 public school building, and a fine city hall.

The Great Northern railway company is at present developing an electric power plant two miles west of Leavenworth, that will cost more than a million dollars, and upon which more than 400 men are and will continue to be employed for the next year. Two more plants will be built immediately,

one less than one mile from Leavenworth.

Recently a party of surveyors employed by eastern capitalists have been an work locating an electric power plant on the Icicle river, two and a half miles from this place, which means the employment of another two or three hundred men for over a year.

Last fall L. M. Rice and Co. of Seattle contracted with the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co., to build 25 miles of logging road from Leavenworth to Lake Wenatchee. It is primarily a logging road, but will quickly develop a large freight and passenger traffic, for which reason it is built on the lines of a standard-gauge railroad. This line and its contemplated 25-mile extension will open connection with the Red Mountain mines, where hundreds of thousands are now being spent in development by the Chelan Consolidated Copper Co., the Metal Monarch Co., the members of the Lamb-Davis Lumber Co., and others. Another irrigating canal, four and one-half miles long, south of the river, has been constructed, and several hundred acres are now on the market in small tracts.

With the positive assurance that in addition to our regular payroll we will have an additional army of from 400 to 600 men for the next year and a half, we feel confident that the business prosperity of the town rests on a firm foundation.

Taken all in all, for the prospective settler, whether he have money for investment, in real estate, in mining, or in any one of the various channels of trade, or whether he be dependent upon his daily labor for support of his family and building them a home, Leavenworth, above all the towns in the Pacific northwest, offers surest foundation for stability and permanence of resource for the years to come. Its climatic conditions are excellent, its salubrity being due in large measure to the protection of its surrounding hills and its moderate altitude (1165 ft.). The discomforting effects of the extremes of heat and cold are unknown here, and settlers choosing Leavenworth as a future location will find its people neighborly, companionable and obliging and its business community honorable, enterprising and obliging to a marked degree.

As an earnest of the ultimate fulfillment of the town's flattering promise, the building activity of the past year should serve in a measure as a criterion to the prospective settler in his selection of Leavenworth, and its desirability as a place in which to establish his permanent home. For instance:

Brick buildings erected or completed during the past year:

Public school building, cost \$18,000.

J. G. Fritz, store building, cost \$4000.

F. A. Losekamp, business block, brick, cost \$19,000.

Emil Frank, business house, cost \$7,000.

J. W. Elliott, store building, cost \$4,000.

Frame buildings completed during the year:

Tumwater rooming house, cost \$4000.

Addition to Washington hotel, cost, \$2,500.

Depot Restaurant building, \$2,500.

J. A. Miller, business house, \$1,200.

J. B. Adams, residence, \$3,000.

J. G. Fritz, residence, \$3,000.

Approximately one hundred residences, costing from a few hundred up to \$2,000.

And there you have it—incomplete, 'tis true, but indicative of the future prosperity and importance of Leavenworth. As straws show the direction of the wind, just as sure as fate the improvements of the past year, and those of the year to come, presage for Leavenworth an unbroken era of prosperity which will result ultimately in placing Leavenworth where it rightfully belongs, in the forefront of the smaller industrial and commercial cities of the state.

P. H. Graham, Shoemaker

P. H. Graham, our Leavenworth shoemaker, is a first-class workman, and tends strictly to his own business and lets other people's business alone.

T. H. Darling, Rancher

Everyone in Leavenworth knows "Tom" Darling of the Chumstick valley region, where he conducts a ranch in partnership with his father-in-law, Chas. Albright. Mr. Darling was born in Eudora, Kan., in 1876; lived for 12 years in Lawrence, Kan., and has been in this section about four years; married, his wife being Miss Lillie Albright of Eudora, Kan. They have one little girl, 6 years of age. Mr. Darling is a gentleman of exceptionally high ideals and a more than ordinarily strong conception of his individual duty to God and to his fellow-man. Though the ranch held by Albright & Darling is a very fine and profitable one, Mr. Darling intends to dispose of his interest therein sometime during the coming year, when he proposes to devote the remainder of his life to the uplifting and betterment of fallen man and fallen woman. No one who knows Mr. Darling doubts for an instant his absolute sincerity and his intense longing for the time to come when he may devote his entire time and energy to his undeniably lofty and ennobling purpose. Christ has been calling, calling, calling, tenderly and entreatingly down the corridors of Time for nineteen hundred years for just such men as Tom Darling to become "fishers of men." "Many are called and few are chosen," and if the teachings of the humble Galilean of nineteen hundred years ago seem not to have met with the world-wide embrace and the eager acceptance due, who shall doubt that it was because all of those called had not answered in their hearts with the same cry of self-abnegation and sacrifice and love for humanity that ascends unceasingly from the heart of Tom Darling. Mr. Darling may not prosper according to an earthly standard, as well in his chosen work as in some money-accumulating vocation, but, if Christ's promise means anything, it means for him a glorious credit at the heavenly bank.

Don M. Thomas, General Merchandise

Don M. Thomas, one of the youngest of our merchants moved from his native state of Wisconsin to southern California in 1892. Three years later he moved to this place and has since made his home here. He engaged in the feed business nearly three years ago and shortly afterwards added groceries, constantly added more, and finally gave up the feed business altogether. He has by square dealing and close attention built up a good trade. He enjoys the confidence of all who have business transactions with him. On the morning of the 9th day of December last, his store building was partially destroyed and his stock badly damaged by a fire which caught from a defective flue. He made a settlement with the insurance companies and in five days from the time of the fire, was again open for business.

W. W. Elmer, M. D.

Dr. Elmer is a graduate of Queen's Medical College, Kingston, Ont., Can., an active member of Michigan State Medical Society, a member of Bay County Medical Society of Bay City, Michigan, and a member of the Clinical Medical Society of Spokane. Dr. Elmer took post-graduate courses for several years, in New York, after graduation from Queen's College. He practiced his profession during fifteen years' residence in Spokane, locating in Leavenworth about two years ago. For several years he has devoted the greater part of his time to scientific research, and his contributions upon matters of scientific interest have gained much prominence in various prominent newspapers and periodicals.

Moore Company

Harry Moore, general manager of The Moore Co., has been a citizen of this place for the past two years. As a groceryman he has made good. He understands the general merchandise business thoroughly, and keeps always in stock a first-class and up-to-date line of goods for his customers to choose from, at a reasonable price throughout.

Leavenworth Mercantile Company

The Leavenworth Mercantile company, O. S. Sampson, president and general manager, H. E. Carr, vice president, and Ira D. Edwards, secretary and treasurer, is worthy the pride of a town many times larger than Leavenworth. It carries a wide range of all lines of stock generally carried in a general merchandise store, and is rightfully entitled to the more dignified classification of "department store" were not such title anachronistic, or ahead of the present status of Leavenworth. However, in any case, and in any town, it would be hard to find a better store better managed, with a better stock better suited to the needs of its community, at lower prices than those of the Leavenworth Mercantile company. Its clerks are courteous and painstaking, its stock throughout is up-to-date and low in price, and its manager, Mayor-elect O. S. Sampson, is a thorough business gentleman.

Adams & Carr, Real Estate

Adams & Carr have been associated together in the business of handling Leavenworth real estate for the past year, and in that, as well as in the sale of ranch, farm and other lands, and in the square conduct of a general real estate and insurance business, their success has been marked. The movement in Leavenworth real estate has been steadily upward since the town's inception, and Adams & Carr have quickly attained an enviable reputation as a square-dealing firm which conducts its business with an eye single to the best interests of its patrons. It goes without saying, that both gentlemen are well to the fore, always, in any enterprise or undertaking looking to the advancement of Leavenworth.

Lake View Hotel, Wenatchee Lake

Oliver Bates, proprietor. The Lake View Hotel is situated at the head of the beautiful Lake Wenatchee, and is rapidly working to the front in the favor of wealthy Seattle and Spokane people as a desirable and comfortable resort at which to pass the heated summer months. Mr. Bates and his gracious and estimable lady are charming entertainers and their devotion and solicitude to and for the comfort of guests invariably results in those who have once enjoyed their hospitality looking forward pleasurably to another season at the Lake View. The Lake View's cuisine and service is unexcelled, its rates are low, and its appointments are up-to-date and first-class.

G. W. Hathaway

Cigars, tobaccos, stationery, periodicals, etc., next to opera house. Mr. H. is a native of Nebraska, coming here four years ago; has been in present business about two years; is enjoying a deservedly good business and is pre-eminently a "desirable citizen" in that he contributes, according to means and business, more largely than most to aid any public improvement projected. Mr. Hathaway's residence here is certainly an object lesson in favor of integrity, uprightness and strict attention to business.

R. E. Simon, Bookkeeper Moore Co.

R. E. Simon came to Leavenworth from Ft. Dodge, Iowa, where he was commissioner for the Fort Dodge Commercial Club, and accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Moore Co. Mr. Simon has great faith in the future of Leavenworth, and has shown his faith by investing in property here. He has just had completed one of the neatest and most substantial residences in the east end of town.

E. N. Burgess, Barber

Mr. Burgess conducts one of the most perfectly-appointed and up-to-date shops in the city; baths in connection; is a fine workman, and will employ none but first-class men; in Leavenworth 2 1/2 years; native of Cherokee county, N. C.; 14 years resident of Oklahoma; is pleasant, enterprising and popular.

Hardware, George Keating

George Keating conducts a general hardware and handles all kinds of shelf and heavy hardware and agricultural implements and loggers' supplies, Mr. Keating came to Leavenworth from Everett, where he was a prominent contractor, four years ago. He has built up a fine business here, and is trying to arrange for the erection of a brick building, corner Ninth and Front, his present location, to meet the need for more room of his large and increasing business. Mr. Keating keeps everything imaginable in the hardware line, at as low price, according to grade and quality of goods, as the same articles can be bought in Spokane or Seattle. If you have any doubt as to the amount of building done in Leavenworth during the past year, just ask Mr. Keating as to his trade in builders' hardware during that time—and you will be safe in taking it as a criterion of the average business for many years yet to come.

Martin Christensen

Martin Christensen came to Washington eleven years ago, from the state of Colorado, and two years later came to Leavenworth. He has general charge of the extensive market business of Emil Frank, where he has been a familiar figure for the past four years. He is the right man in the right place, and can come as near as any living man giving entire satisfaction to all his many customers. If a popular vote were taken he could win his place against all comers and never break a walk.

Pool Room, Mahoney & Salick

John Mahoney and Chas. Salick, natives of Watertown, Wis.; a gentlemen's resort. Quiet and orderly. Pool and billiards; also, cigars, tobaccos, candies, ice cream, fruit, periodicals, stationery. Began business in Leavenworth Sept. 1, 1907, and have already worked up a profitable business. Fine boys; well liked in Leavenworth.

Tholin & Smith, Wine Merchants

Conduct a strictly orderly and reputable establishment. The proprietors are gentlemen, and conduct a gentlemen's resort. They enjoy a deservedly good trade, and "Jack" Smith and Ed Tholin are very popular business men and are among our most public-spirited citizens. Their Opera Bar is one of the finest bars in the county.

Photograph Gallery

During the past year a very up-to-date photograph gallery and art store has been opened by J. D. Wheeler, who carries a large assortment of fancy pictures, including oils, pastels, etchings, etc., and a large line of picture frames and mouldings. Also everything in up-to-date photography, enlarging, reducing, copying, view and interior work. Films developed and prints made.

John B. Adams, Lawyer

John B. Adams (Adams & Carr), attorney-at-law, has been a resident of Leavenworth for nearly a decade, and claims the distinction of being Leavenworth's pioneer lawyer. Mr. Adams' practice in the local and state courts is good, and growing, and is based on a deservedly high reputation as a lawyer and public-spirited citizen.

Gents' Furnishing Goods

J. W. Elliott conducts a men's exclusive furnishing goods establishment, carries a complete line of gents' furnishing goods, which he sells at as small a margin of profit as such goods can be bought elsewhere. His stock is always up-to-date, and he is continually adding such lines as the demands of his flourishing business require.

Leavenworth Laundry

Do you patronize home industry? If you don't, you should. Messrs. W. E. Keeney and R. E. Durr, have been in business here but a few months, but long enough to prove that they do first-class work and are square business men. They employ only white labor, and certainly deserve your patronage. Work called for and delivered promptly.

THERE ARE MILLIONS IN IT

The Opening of the Lake Wenatchee and White River Valley Country, With Leavenworth as the Logical Southern Gateway

Nowhere in the west is opportunity so ripe, and profitable results so absolutely sure for the investment of capital as in and about Leavenworth. A brief consideration of the improvements assured and of the topography of the neighborhood affected is bound to convince even the ultra-conservative investor of this fact.

In the first place, the railroad contemplated and contracted for that will tap the Lake Wenatchee country and the fertile valleys directly contiguous, constituting as it will the key to the only possible southern gateway for the future commerce of those localities, is bound to redound in no small degree to the future welfare of Leavenworth.

Lake Wenatchee has ideal advantages to offer in many of the conditions that make for the establishment of a pleasing and attractive summer resort and the foundation of a colony of delightful summer homes. The lake is approachable from every direction is 7x3 1/2 miles in area, and, with its feeders the White and the Little Wenatchee rivers, which enter at the northwestern corner, constitutes a fisherman's paradise that leaves nothing to be desired by the devotees of that sport.

As to the agricultural possibilities of the situation: Directly outlying the lake is about 4000 acres of the finest arable land to be found in the state of Washington, or any other western state, for that matter. In the White river valley are thousands of acres of land which put in cultivation would compare favorably in fertility with even that of the famed valley of the Nile, and this assertion is made in all calmness and is susceptible of proof. The Little Wenatchee valley, though not so extensive in arable land, is but awaiting development to contribute a measurable quota of prosperity to Leavenworth and the country at large. A railroad, as is assured, tapping the Lake Wenatchee country, and the Little Wenatchee, White river valley and the various fertile valleys tributary there to, will mean prosperity for the settlers, prosperity for Leavenworth, and prosperity and profit for investors interested.

Contract has already been let for twenty-five miles of railroad to the foot of the lake. Eight miles of the road but awaits the laying of rails, which will be accomplished immediately spring weather admits; the telephone poles are already up and continuation and completion of the road but awaits the clement weather of spring and summer.

Nick Kincherf

Mr. Kincherf is not now engaged in any occupation, having disposed of his dairy business. He is one of the men who has an abiding faith in the future of Leavenworth. About a year ago he sold a small tract of orchard land on the north side for \$17,000, and can afford to take it easy until something shows up to his liking.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD

Leavenworth Fortunate in the Class and Character of the Road's Local Business

In many sections of the country much dissatisfaction is manifested at the governmental policy of the different railway systems. Whether this dissatisfaction has any foundation in fact, or whether or not such dissatisfaction is tangibly or legitimately based, is neither here nor there in this issue's introspective analysis of the local benefit derived from the great system which means so much to the town of Leavenworth.

J. H. Scott, Car Clerk.

Mr. Scott is a very efficient employe, courteous and considerate to the road's patrons. Mr. Scott's time heretofore has been occupied in educational work; was principal schools at Charlot, Mich., 1896-7; principal normal department Yerrington college, St. Louis, Mo., 1898-1901; prin. Ellsworth pub. schools, 1902; supt. Manalona, Mich., schools and director Antrim Co. (Mich.) Normal, 1903-6; supt. Sprague, Wash., schools, 1906-7; taking year's vacation from school work.