



INTERIOR VIEWS OF THE STORE OF GRANITE FALLS MERCANTILE CO., GRANITE FALLS.

## Granite Falls, in the heart of Washington's Natural Wealth

MANY natural resources have conspired to build at the present situation of Granite Falls a very prosperous trade and industrial center which in the years to come is destined to grow very rapidly and to add materially to its present importance as one of the great milling and agricultural centers of Snohomish County.

Granite Falls at present has a population of over 1,000 people. A few years ago, only, she could boast of not half this many, and her business houses and citizens have prospered during this period of growth in accordance with the prosperity of the city.

Granite Falls has become in recent years a very important lumbering town. A number of lumber and shingle mills operate continuously, which, together with logging operations in the rich surrounding timber country, and mining operations in the immediate vicinity, give the town of Granite Falls a large payroll. The money paid out annually in the maintenance of these industries has put Granite Falls on a very substantial basis, and made it a city where wage earners own their own homes and where the population is permanent and thrifty. The one bank at Granite Falls attests to the general prosperity of the citizens in the fact that it has unusually large deposits.

The city is located on the Monte Cristo branch of the Northern Pacific Railway and also on the Stillaguamish river. Granite Falls, on this river, from which the town derives its name, is capable of developing many thousand horse-power, a fact which bids fair to make of Granite Falls an important manufacturing point. With splendid natural wealth to draw on in the surrounding country, the manufacturer locating in this town would have many advantages which are not to be underestimated.

There is an abundance of raw material of many different kinds close at hand and the cheap power to be developed from Granite Falls would be a great advantage in economical operation. There would be railroad transportation to market, which would only mean

a haul of about 15 miles to tidewater. There are a number of good openings for woodworking plants, pulp or paper mills and other industries requiring cheap power and raw material close at hand.

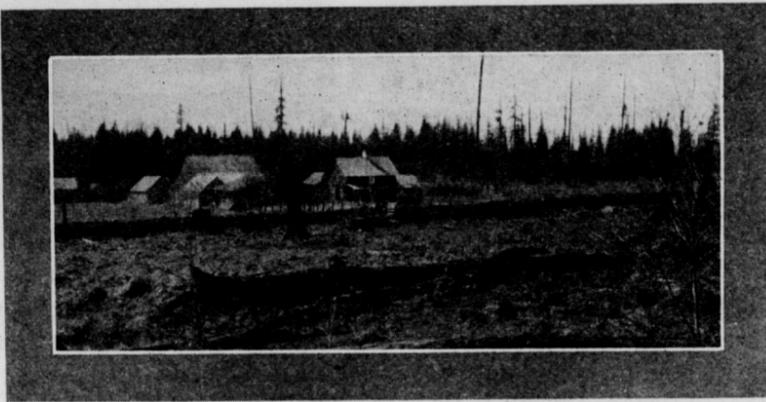
Granite Falls is destined to become an important agricultural center as the logged-off lands left in the wake of the logging companies are taken up and cultivated. There are large quantities of these lands in the vicinity of Granite Falls which are very rich and productive, and can be bought at very reasonable prices. The land is suitable for fruit-growing, truck gardening, dairy or poultry farms, or berry ranches, with an insistent and profitable market close at hand.

Granite Falls is also surrounded by a very rich mineral country. Large bodies of copper, gold, silver, coal, iron and other ores await development, and there are also lime rock, zinc, serpentine, granite and other valuable deposits and formations.

The Wayside mine, close to town, ships gold, silver and copper ore, and in the surrounding country are many fine properties which will soon be developed. The Monte Cristo branch of the Northern Pacific, passing through Monroe, carries many hundreds of tons of ore.

Granite Falls is a modern town in every respect, having fine schools, churches, a lighting plant, a water system and telephone lines. The streets are well laid out and the roadways graveled.

The town has many fine homes and the climate and scenery make it an attractive place in which to live.



RANCH OF PARLEY TWOGOOD NEAR GRANITE FALLS.



Potato Field on Ranch of Ashe Bros.

Several factors influence the moisture content of butter. When the cream is thin and churned at a high temperature the moisture content is greater, for the butter retains more moisture during the working process. The more butter is churned the greater will be the amount of moisture incorporated, until the butter becomes very soft and breaks up. When the churn is too full less moisture is incorporated. This is perhaps due to an over churning of cream when only a little is in the churn, for the granules are usually more broken up. According to experiments the degree of ripeness has nothing to do with the moisture content in butter.



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