

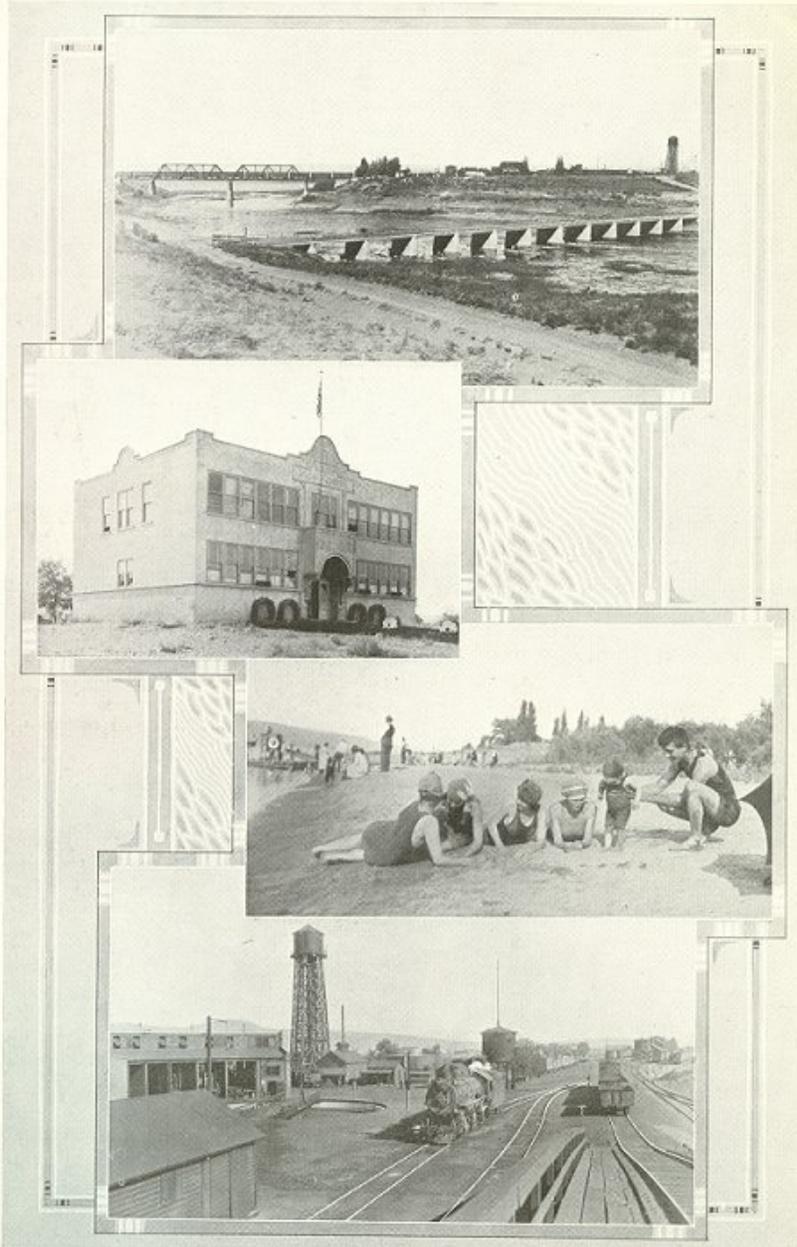
Umatilla County, Oregon 1922

UMATILLA

Umatilla has two claims to distinction: It is the oldest town in the county, and in a country which is almost wholly agriculture, it is what is usually known as a "payroll town," by which is meant that its chief income is received by residents who are employed by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation

Company. The town is a division point on the line, and the monthly pay checks amount to between \$23,000 and \$30,000. An extensive gravel and sand business is conducted from here, this commodity being shipped not only to points in Oregon, but to certain sections in Washington as well.

It is here that the Umatilla River empties into the mighty Columbia, and at one time Umatilla was the gateway to the whole of Eastern Oregon; that being prior to the time when the railroads were built into this region and when all shipments of freight had to be transported by boat to Umatilla and thence by stage to inland points.



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Junction of the Umatilla River and the
mighty Columbia
Public School
A good beach for bathing
O.-W. R. & N. Railroad yards

horsepower of energy and will also provide water for the irrigation of more than 500,000 acres of arid land.

The Pacific Fruit Express Company maintains a car-cleaning department here, and a car heater service is also a part of its activity. Both services provide work for a number of men. Adequate hotel, restaurant and

merchandising facilities are provided by keen business men.

One very pleasing feature of the social life of the citizens of Umatilla is the bathing. There is an excellent sand beach here several blocks long with a gradually sloping bank. A big scow is anchored on the Columbia and the scow is equipped with diving boards, trapeze and other aquatic paraphernalia. In the summer time this beach is one of the most popular spots in Umatilla County.

Small farms abound in this vicinity, Many of the men who work for the railroad have small -tracts of land and after they have worked their eighthour shift at their regular jobs, they take care of their farms.

Umatilla has a good, live Commercial Club and through this organization it takes part in the activities and development of the county and state.