

PRINCIPAL COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHATCOM COUNTY

Whatcom county, by virtue of advantageous location, and remarkable natural endowments, supplemented by a thrifty, industrious and enterprising population, is rapidly forging to a front place among the list of Washington's greater political sub-divisions.

Principal City

Bellingham, the county seat, is a city having at the present time an estimated population of 46,052. About 23 square miles of territory are included within the limits of the municipality. With respect to transportation facilities Bellingham is admirably located. The rails of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific and Bellingham Bay & British Columbia railways all converge in the city giving it quick communication with all points in this and other states as well as throughout the Dominion of Canada. The splendid harbor upon which the city is situated received deep water shipping from ports all over the world, while smaller craft ply between the city and different points on Puget Sound.

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THURSTON COUNTY

Location

Thurston county lies on the extreme southern shores of Puget Sound, between Pierce on the east, Chehalis on the west and Lewis county on the south. Its northern boundary is deeply indented by five long inlets, upon the extreme southern end of the longest of which is located the capital of the state. The Nisqually river, a stream which rises in the glaciers of Mt. Rainier, separates it from Pierce county, while Hammerseys separates it from Mason, thus giving Thurston nearly 100 miles of salt water shores.

Olympia is at once the metropolis of the county, the county seat and the seat of government of the state. The town is admirably located on Budd's inlet, lying sufficiently above sea level to afford splendid drainage. The population is about 14,632. The state capitol is an imposing structure built of native sandstone, and houses the state officers and the two branches of the legislature when in session. It is located in a beautiful park a short distance from wharf and depot and is easily accessible.

Centralia is a city of about 7,500 inhabitants, located at the junction of the Portland and Grays Harbor branches of the Northern Pacific railway. The townsite covers two sections of land. Lumber mills, shingle mills, sash and door fac-