

TRANSPORTATION

O.W.R. & N.

The established pioneer system of transportation was supplemented and improved in 1881 by the extension of the O.W.R. & N. Railroad from Walla Walla. Until 1920 it was the main line from Spokane to Portland. In the peak year of its service it handled 6,000 cars of freight. The present new depot was built in 1926. A daily passenger service was discontinued in 1944, and the freight load has been greatly reduced.

WALLA WALLA VALLEY R.R.

In 1906 an interurban electric railroad was extended from Walla Walla to South Milton. Passenger service began April 16, 1907. It operated six years without a franchise; a franchise was granted in 1912. The road was built for passengers and light freight service. Until October 31, 1931, an hourly passenger service was provided from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight. That service was dropped in that year. The road has continued to haul heavy freight, reaching an annual peak of 3,000 cars.

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