

# PHASES OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN THE STATE OF OREGON

## PORTLAND TO TAP GREAT NEW AREA

**Work on Lewiston-Riparia Grade Is Progressing With Great Rapidity.**

### WILL OPEN LAND OF RICHES

**New Line Gives Lewiston Water Grade to the Sea and Adds Rich Tributary Section to Portland District.**

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 29.—(Special.) Day by day the grading of the Lewiston-Riparia Railroad is advancing and every day hammer, sledge and pick are shortening the distance between Lewiston and Portland, till next Fall direct railroad communication between the two places will be established.

It means much to Lewiston to have a railroad to the sea. It means much to Portland to have tributary to it one of the richest inland countries in the United States, a country rich in fruit, grain and all farm products, rich in livestock, rich in wool, and rich in its mines.

Lewiston has Lewiston dreamed of, and hoped for a water-grade railroad, and now the Northern Pacific steel ladder up Kendrick Hill has become a nightmare. The annual car shortage at a time when the farmers are crying for cars to ship their grain and the annual blockade on Kendrick Hill have become unbearable. It is no wonder that Lewiston looks for relief when the Joint road from Riparia to Lewiston is completed.

With the down-hill pull and with competing railroads the farmers feel confident that a better day is dawning.

#### Land of Boundless Resources.

With the completion of this road Portland will find open to it a new field for commerce of all kinds, for the Snake and Columbia territory has within it boundless resources.

Along the Snake River between Lewiston and Riparia are the famous Snake River fruit orchards with their thousands of tons of peaches, cherries, apricots, pears and berries. Last year when low water tied up the O. R. & N. Co.'s boats the fruit-growers sold their heavy loads. With the advent of the railroad the larger fruit raisers will put up their own icehouses, ice the cars in their yards and have their fruit shipped in good condition, with no jolting from transferring.

At Clarkston, the Lewiston-Clarkston Company has under irrigation 200 acres of land that six years ago was a desert waste. The land is being irrigated by the people who send fruit to all parts of the United States. The Lewiston-Clarkston Company is purchasing more land and is supplementing the irrigation ditch with a pipe line for the saving of water. When this is done the irrigated acreage will be greatly increased. The company is also putting in a large reservoir to supply water for the town use.

The Lewiston-Sweetwater Company has a large force of men working on ditches, laying pipe lines and damming a big natural reservoir, by which this company expects to reclaim 10,000 acres of arid land adjoining Lewiston on the south. Small streams which will be turned into this reservoir will be diverted into the Snake River and the water will be used for irrigation during the summer. So far have the contractors proceeded with their work that the company expects to put 1,000 acres of irrigated land on the market this summer. Next year another 1,000 acres will be added, and each year the irrigated district will be enlarged, till the sandhills and the sagebrush will be supplanted by fields of all varieties.

#### Another Irrigation Project.

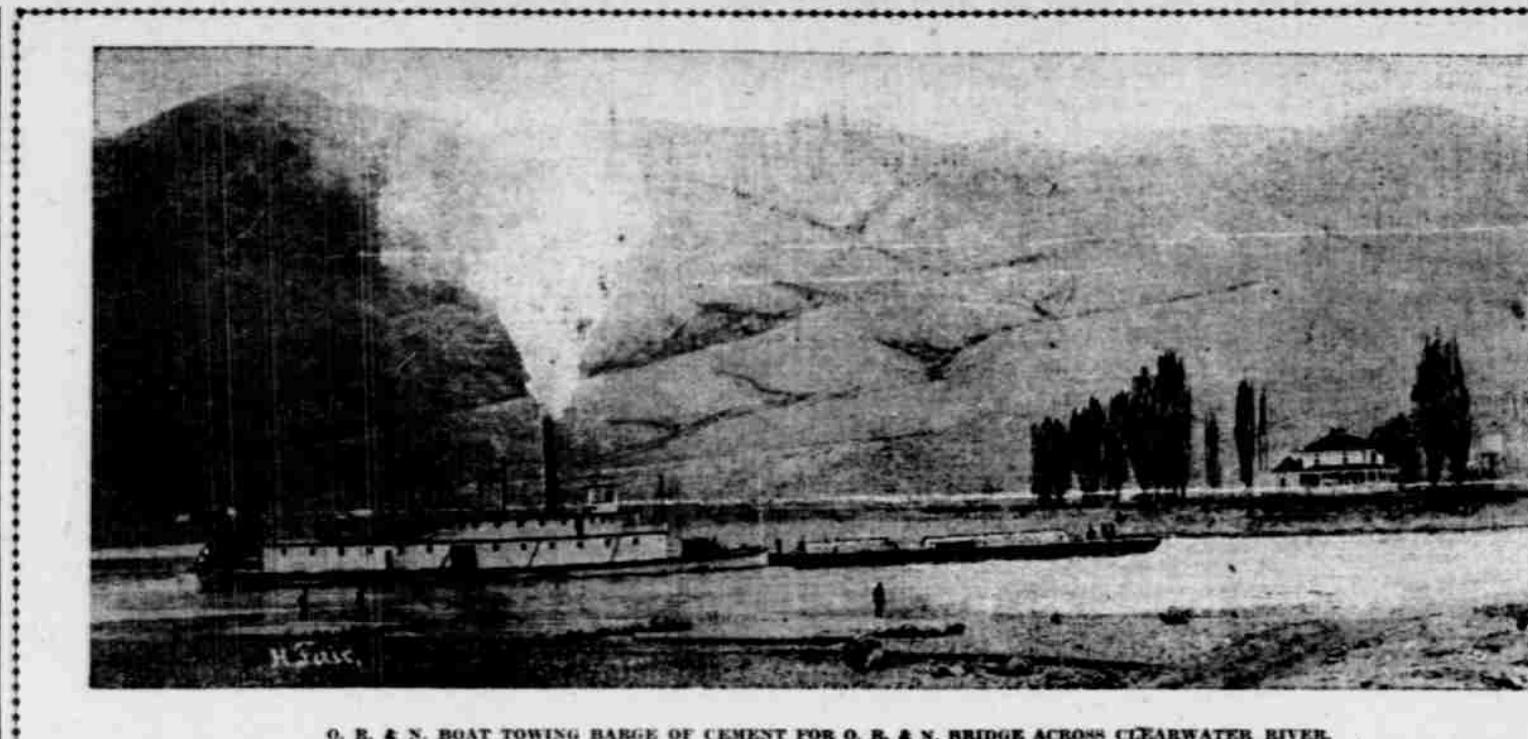
The Waha Land & Water Company will soon let its first contract for another big irrigation project. This company purchased the famous Twenty-One ranch, covering 1,000 acres of land, and the land is found many springs and a fine natural reservoir. Using these and other surrounding streams and Waha Lake this company expects to store enough water for 20,000 acres. A tunnel will be driven to tap Waha Lake for the main supply. The first contract to be let by this company will amount to about \$300,000. The company has 1,000 irrigated tracts on the market next year.

Around close to Lewiston may be found many beautiful vineyards, where grapes of all varieties can be grown, the climate being peculiarly adapted to all kinds of grapes.

To the south and southeast are vast wheat fields, and the Tammer country, Nez Perces Prairie and Canoe Prairie, with soil rich and productive, where wheat yields 40 bushels and even more to the acre. This country is also the greatest livestock producing country in the Northwest today, and here stock-breeders from East and West flock annually. Steers, hogs and horses alike are shipped in great quantities.

#### Home of the Sheep King.

The Waha Land & Water Company



## ABERDEEN THRIVING

**Building and Business Activity Increasing.**

### NEW THEATER COMPLETED

**People Turn Out in Gala Attire to Greet First Performance. Chamber of Commerce Now Active.**

### BEREDEEN, Wash., April 29.—The opening of the new Aberdeen theater was the feature of the past week in Aberdeen. The audience was as brilliant as the first night of grand opera in a large city. The people of Aberdeen have seen something besides lumber and mills and have come mostly from cities of the East and therefore are generally up to the times on an occasion of this kind. Aberdeen is rapidly becoming a large city.

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Theatergoers are rushing work to keep ahead of the coming season. The theater will probably begin operation when trees are laid as far as Waina, after which the further construction work will be continued.

This company will build an immense power plant on the Salmon River, to furnish power for the road. A tunnel will be driven through the mountain at Horsehoe Bend to bring the water to the power plant. The company will also sell power to the mines in the Salmon River country, and to the towns along the road.

#### Light for Palouse Country.

The Lewiston-Clarkston Company last Fall completed a new power plant, and is now lighting the towns of Genesee and Moscow, and before long the line will be extended to other towns in the Palouse country. This company will enlarge its Asotin plant in the near future, and is also preparing to build a large power plant on the Grand Ronde River to furnish power for mining purposes. Surveyors are working on the Grand Ronde.

The Open-River Association expects to put two boats on the Snake River to ply between Celilo and Lewiston, and local people are taking up the proposition of building a boat for the Upper Snake.

These, with the O. R. & N. boats that are now operating, will give the Snake River a large fleet of boats.

The association has had a wonderful development within the last year in the building line. Within the last three months buildings valued at \$250,000 have been completed, all modern brick structures. They represent a total frontage of \$35,000. The most costly building was the Idaho Trust Company block on Fifth and Main, costing \$15,000.

The theater is a paragon of perfection in that it possesses all the advantages of the most modern amusement place. The Seattle architect who drew the plans had the benefit of experience in making his designs, and had plenty of money to spend the stockholders were very anxious in carrying out his ideas in a most satisfactory manner.

The theater is provided with an recent equipment for presenting the best plays and the decorations and furnishings of this house are in line with everything that goes to make up a first-class theater. The opening of the theater drew people from all the surrounding towns and the audiences filled every seat and overflowed to the extra seats placed in the aisles.

**Chamber of Commerce Wakes Up**

Another big feature of the past week was the rejuvenation of the Chamber of Commerce. The chamber had been overhauling itself for some time in doing things that will be of benefit to the city. However, it has made up the past week for all its shortcomings hereto-

way, while business blocks are added to and enlargement of mills and factories are everywhere noticeable. The Gray's Harbor country, in fact, appears to be in the heyday of its prosperity. This year, from present indications, will be the banner one in the matter of new buildings.

Eugene, Oregon, is plodding along at the harbor, in serious ill at his home in the city from inflammatory rheumatism. Mr. France has amassed a fortune in the timber business and is rated up to the hundreds of thousands. He is as well known in Portland as he is on Gray's Harbor and the Sound country.

Much alarm has been felt here among timbermen, who are afraid that in San Francisco, and especially as no word has reached the city in regard to their whereabouts.

#### THE BACHELOR GIRL.

**A Prose Poem Honoring an Exalted Personage.**

Baltimore Herald.

Of all free beings who waft, wing, wobble, fin or mince along on little feet, to say nothing of the forest denizens who swing themselves from limb to limb, the most gladsome and the one with the largest range of destiny, swing of influence, freedom and power is the bachelor girl.

When Luna is spinning her silver web in the treetops of the mountain or touching the crests of the waves with a soft glow the bachelor girl, walking in woodland ways or along the white sands of the beach, is beyond the assault of the sentiments which make her younger sister listen with palpitating heart to the foolish things whispered in her ears by the soft swallows. She is safe. She is secure. She is free. She is independent, strong, of girth that men like, because she knows their ways and knows them. They do not feel that the tragedy of the spider and the fly is being enacted when they wander with her in sylvan paths or shoo out with her in a canoe upon the rippling lake or climb with her the mountain heights. She is safe. She is secure. She is free. She is independent, strong, of girth that men like, because she knows their ways and knows them. 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