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lumbia, the Sandy, and many great streams which in the years to come will afford immense water power—water power reaching into the hundreds of thousands of electric horse power. In Eastern Oregon we too are afforded some of the greatest natural sites for the development of electrical power that there are in this great state of Oregon. In our own Union county we will see in years to come a series of water powers from the Grande Ronde extending to the Snake, developing several hundred thousand horse power. We believe there are at times of the year more electrical power in the combined water power of Union county, than at Niagara. I hope to see the time when the great Minam project, as dreamed of some months ago, will be carried into effect. That stream coming from the fastnesses of the mountains from the perpetual snows and ever living springs, if brought across the mountains, and dropped over here at a height of fourteen hundred feet, will develop the highest electrical power, so far as I know, in the United States. From this one project one hundred thousand electric horse power can be developed. True it lies high in the mountains, and in the winter season will have to be protected by immense reservoirs up the Minam and also at the head of the Wallowa. It will have to be put over the mountain, and that will take money. Engineers can cope with these difficulties if they have the money. I believe the time will come when the electric power on the east side of the valley will become of interest to capital. You might say that

the horse power that is required for the transporting of the O. R. & N.'s trains from Umatilla to Huntington is practically twenty-five thousand horses. This would develop four times the amount of power now used by the railroad company, and the railroad companies today, we are told, are the greatest users of our timber, and, too they are greatest users of our coal, and in the years to come will be the greatest users of electrical power. It is probably safe to say that in the eastern part of Union and Wallowa counties there can be developed four or five hundred thousand electrical horse power. This electrical power we find today put to numerous uses. We find it running our sewing machines; also cooking here in many places in town, and at Hot Lake, and all over the country; we find it lighting our homes, we find it in a hundred and on ways a part of our life, until we regard it as an actual necessity, and this wonderful thing—we don't know what it is, coming in over a little copper wire the size of a pencil over mountains thousands of feet high and over 40 feet of snow, and still we can hardly realize that our light and power are conveyed through that little copper wire. And yet again the waste water may be used for irrigation, as it can be after the power has been developed from them. We can hardly imagine the teeming population that will be here in years to come. Electrical power is undoubtedly one of the greatest things that God has hidden away in his mysterious way for the uses of man. We don't know what it is or where it comes from, except out of the air. It comes and dies in a moment. It comes with the power and strength of a giant, and dies the same instant it is made. We are living in a wonderful age. We are living in the age of all ages to be living, and yet to some life is not so blime.

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