Joseph, Oregon

The City of Promise at the End

AND SCENIC SPOTS

Great is the land of Chief Joseph.

With the keen intuition posessed by the Indian race the old warrior made no mistake in selecting the spots in which to pitch his tepee. Where the said: streams dance playfully down steep mountain sides, where the sunshine strikes the snowcaps, where deer bound past on trails that have been in use for many, many years, here it was that the old Indian made his last stand. Here it was that the white man with good judgment saw at a glance was the place for permanent abode and therefore was anxious for the federal government to throw out a protecting arm making him safe from molestation by the red man.

For years the whites and reds dwelt within the borders of Wallowa, but one day Chief Joseph mounted a goods box on the main street of the town that bears his name and issued a proclamation that his people intended to reclaim all land within a certain radius of the wonderful lake.

This brought on the final climax Petitions were speeded to Washington from all Wallowa county settlements and the prayer of the people was for the government to restrain the red man. The prayer was answered and an order issued preventing more than three Indians from entering that part of the federal domain at any one time. Since that day property and life have

been safe in Wallowa county and it RESUME OF INDUSTRIES has offered a most delightful place for the homeseeker who desired not only has offered a most delightful place for they were taking gold from the to make a living but to amass a fortune as well.

One of Oregon's Best Counties.

That Wallowa county is one of the very best in Oregon is a matter of record. When the writer was in Joseph recently he met J. M. Mitchell who settled there in 1880. In speak- market in almost every instance. ing of the wealth of the county he

"Yes, sir, we believe that our county is among the good ones. We remember back when hard times tied little effort on their part. Stock raistaxes became due. It was not a county in the fertile Willamette valley that was first to respond. Every county in Oregon was delinquent, but Wallowa, and she sent in her remittance with the usual promptness.

"In those days we had no railroad and only had about 1,500 people in the county yet the money per capita gated to the rear. here was probably the largest of any place in the United States unless it

was some remote mining camp where ground."

Beef Cattle Are Extra Good. Any one who has ever been at the stockyards in Portland or Seattle knows the story of the Wallowa steer and his sister. The beef raised on Wallowa grass is considered and graded extra, taking the top of the

Thousands upon thousands of cattle have grazed the hills of the northeast corner of the state and each year brought in dollars to the owners with up everything on the coast and state ing has been the native industry and it has been decidedly profitable, as will show by their deposits.

Railroad Marks the New Era. As usual the railroad's entrance to few years. Wallowa county last year marked the

now over the advent of the steam car to run every railroad train passing

pleasure. But, being a progressive including the Walla Walla lines of the people they naturally want the best O. R. & N. train service attainable and will in no wise be satisfied until a regular passenger service is inaugurated.

"It beats the old stage coach as it is," remarked one man who has lived here for many years, "but we are very anxious now to have a passenger train ple never think of turning off their pany. so we can save more time.

Industries Are Many and Varied

It is impossible to enumerate the many industries and resources of the country surrounding Joseph. The scenery, which rivals anything on the try. globe, is beautiful to behold but the commercial side of life in the thriving city of Joseph is of greatest importance.

With new buildings in course of construction including one of the finest school buildings in the northwest. With a very expensive Methodist church just completed and dedicated. and with numerous residences and business houses planned, it would seem that the steady growth of Jothe banks of Wallowa county towns seph had come to stay and nothing could prevent it from making a city of many thousands of people within a

The eectric power alone within a new era-time when long distances few miles of the city is destined to and the old Concord stage was rele- do wonderful things for that city. If properly harnessed it is estimated The people of Joseph are happy there is sufficient water power there

and speak of it with the greatest between The Dalles and Huntington.

The Joseph Light and Power company, a home institution, put in a fifty thousand dollar plant last year and is now furnishing light and power for the city at nominal cost. Electric juice is so cheap that many peo-

The retail stores and other enterprizes are many, and it is but proper to enumerate some that are identified with the growth of this splendid coun-

Among the large mercantile companies of the Northwest, Joseph has one whose volume of trade will com-

pare favorably. It is the McCully Mercantile company and today is the product of long business experience. of thorough business minds and capable management. It is rated highly not only by commercial agencies but by the people who deal with it, which is the best test of successful business. Everything is carried by this com-

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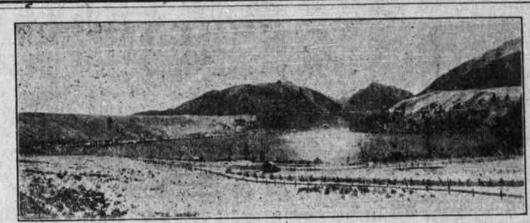
Not until recently has it been known that Joseph had the best lime deposits in the United States with only one rival-a locality in New York state. As soon as it was known capital immediately set to work in a campaign of development and as a result

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