

**Joseph, Oregon.**

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a number of lime kilns are running night and day and the orders for the product are far in excess of the supply. It is lime that contains no grit whatever. Christie & Houser are the chief owners of this proposition.

One of the busiest men in Joseph is Bert Smith. He owns the assay offices, the cement working plant, is interested in a number of mines and just now has the contract to erect the magnificent new school building which he has well along in the course of construction. A test is being made of some of the mines in that region and the assay office is working overtime.

**Portland People Locate There.**

That the busy metropolitan cities are not holding all the people they attract, is apparent. D. Beighman and Son, who have lately located in Joseph in the hardware business, were formerly stationed in Portland. They like the new location and have become permanent citizens of Joseph.

A. J. Richardson, who has lately put in a very fine store in Joseph, carrying a complete line of ladies' and gents' furnishings and millinery, was

also a Portland merchant for a long time. He was on the corner of Fourth and Washington streets in Portland, which is one of the best places in the city. Tired of the heavy grind where expenses were enormous, he decided to seek the smaller city and selected Joseph as the place. He is well-pleased with his change.

**Bowman Makes Money.**

Right now Frank Bowman is said to be the "easy money" man of Joseph. Last fall he bought a farm that was well watered, intending to settle down permanently, but a stranger happened his way and liked the land so well that he paid Frank a handsome profit on his investment and Mr. Bowman sold. He admits it was easy money, but he also states that the buyer has a good thing at the price, and the man who purchased it is of the same opinion.

**A Former La Grande Man.**

One of the men who have known the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county very thoroughly for many years is A. F. Sheets, the blacksmith. Mrs. Sheets runs the Sheets hotel and enjoys a good business and the old couple are happy in their prosperity. Mr. Sheets located in Joseph twelve years ago after spending twenty-four

years in La Grande. His familiarity with the country and its people, has aided him in building a good business. Lately he added a livery business to his string of enterprises and it is also proving a success.

**All Know Wesley Duncan**

Every town has to have its big-hearted, broad-minded man who, when he shakes hands with you, makes you feel that he is your friend. Joseph may have many of this kind, and no doubt has, but she has one to be sure, and that man is Wesley Duncan who runs the big livery barn takes care of the campers who want to travel, and through his trusty driver, Andy, sees that all strangers are properly transferred from the city to the lake. Mr. Duncan lived in the Grande Ronde valley for many years and in 1879 was a citizen of Cove. He admits that it is a toss-up as to which location is best to live in—Union or Wallowa counties, but always adds that any man who will work and do the square thing can get along very well in either place.

**Shepherd to Flockmaster.**

Bruce Lydell was one of the prominent men of the Joseph country whom the writer met in his travel.

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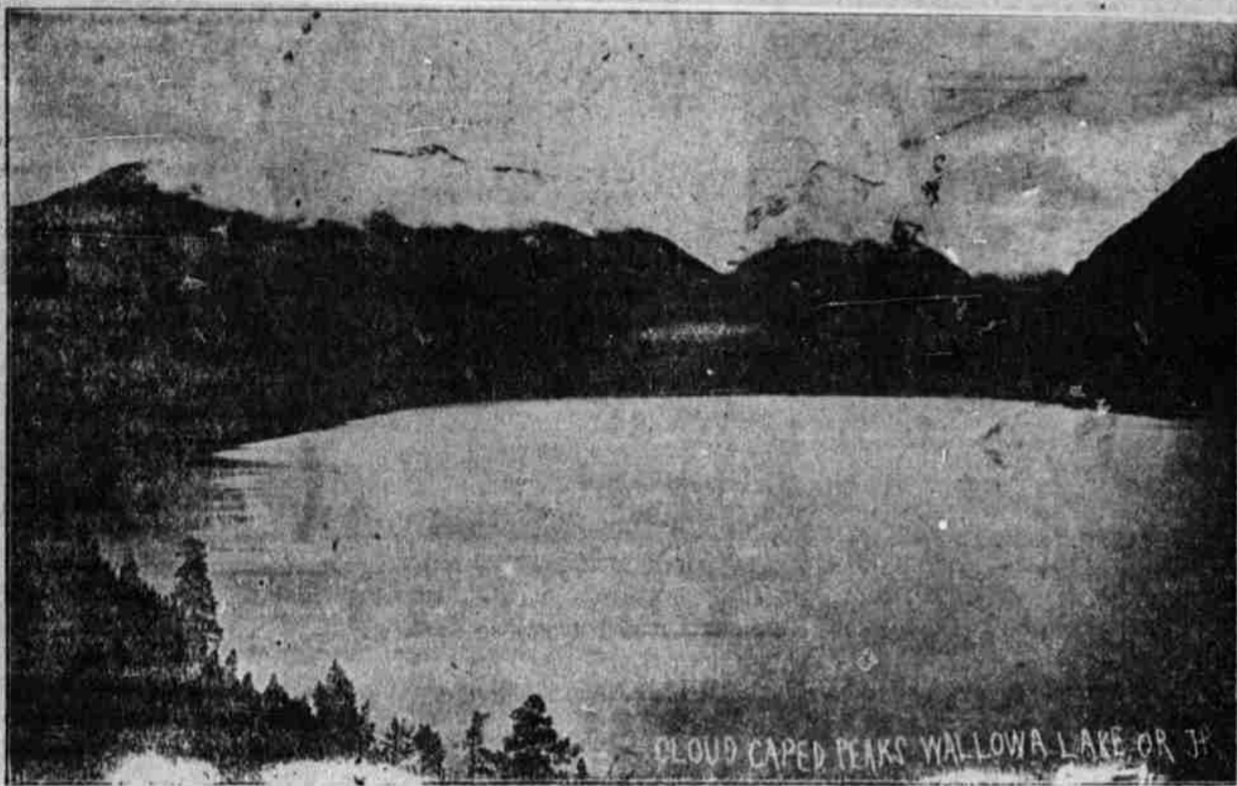
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