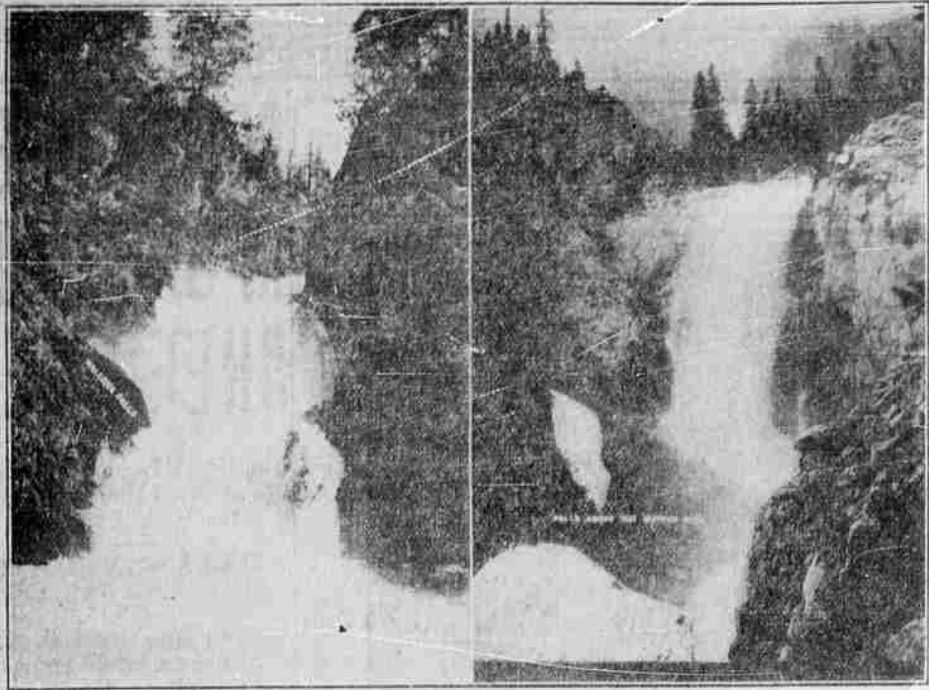


Falls Above Wallowa Lake



One of the attractions at Wallowa Lake is the falls, located a mile above the resorts and camp grounds. One of the falls is immediately above the other, the photograph being a combination of the two placed side by side.

Future of Baker County is Bright

RESOURCES ARE VARIED; EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE UNDERWAY IN NEAR FUTURE; IRRIGATION WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FEATURE

(By W. E. Mearns.)

Diversity spells stability. That is why Baker County has not felt the grip of hard times like other communities have.

Baker County has five great resources: Farming, mining, lumbering, livestock, and dairying. And, while some of these industries have been hard-pressed at times, there is never a time when all of them are depressed and the business of the community goes on in a stable manner and business in general keeps up as usual.

Mining Products Valuable. About eight-tenths of the mineral of the state is produced in Baker County. Gold, silver and copper are the principal minerals mined, though the county is rich in other minerals like lime, gypsum, cement materials, granite, fire clay, building stone, etc.

Five miles south of Baker, adjacent to the railroad and the Old Oregon Trail are great deposits of limestone. The clay and shales which underlie the city of Baker, are the same as those from which the blue-gray granite is obtained which is adapted for building and monument purposes.

start upon. With the successful raising of the smaller, many mining properties, which have been unable to operate because of the high cost of shipping ore and concentrates to the smelters at outside points, will open up again and be able to operate at a profit and the payrolls of the mines will be greatly increased, and mining in general stimulated.

Livestock Resources. Livestock is the second oldest industry in the county. The day of the great, free, open range is past and the cost of operating is much greater than it used to be and the price received for cattle on the hoof is not increasing in proportion.

The sheep industry came back strong after the after-war slump and the sheepman has nothing to complain of.

There is a good price and that part of the livestock industry is prospering. Many farmers have gone to dairying and that industry is growing very fast. There is a great future for that industry in Baker County as the county is cut into many valleys by high mountain ranges.

These valleys producing quantities of the best kind of hay and pasture, with plenty of water and with a steady market for all of the milk and cream produced.

In Pine Valley, at Halfway, there are two famous dairies in Baker County and a milk condensing plant in the town of Halfway.

The lumbering industry has been the great stabilizer in Baker for many years. The lumbering industry is a matter of evolution and will come in the natural course of events.

A few years ago many farmers and stockmen bought their butter, their milk and bacon and considered it beneath their dignity to milk a cow or raise hogs.

According to government statistics, there is more land susceptible to irrigation in Baker County than in any other county in the state, there being 234,000 acres of fertile land capable of being irrigated.

Less than half of that amount is under water at this time. All of the land under water is irrigated by private ditches from the many streams in the county.

As a result, there is no great storage reservoir where the precious waters may be stored for use when needed.

And although many farmers have water rights, they have no water when water is most needed. No matter how deep the snow falls in the mountains, it goes off at about the same time each year and floods the lowlands and goes on to swell other streams and is lost.

Baker County has a great irrigation project known as the "Baker" project which will water over 50,000 acres of land which has been declared by experts to be of more than average fertility, which we hope to see materialize in the near future.

This land is located on both sides of the Powder River, east of Baker in what is known as the Lower Powder country. The dam site is located at Third Valley and will back the water up almost to the town of North Powder and cover

points of the globe, recent orders coming from Spain and Africa. Baker County alone brings a better price on the eastern market than any other place manufactured because of the fineness of its grain, its softness of texture and its durability.

The annual cut of the Baker mills is over ninety million feet and its value over \$300,000,000.

Farming Important Asset.

The basic industry of all countries must be farming if that country expects long life and prosperity. The principal farm products in Baker County are alfalfa, wheat, oats and barley.

Alfalfa is grown in all parts of the county and large quantities are shipped out, though the bulk of the crop is fed to livestock in the county. The very best quality of timothy is grown in Baker County and the most of this is shipped and brings the highest price of any grown. Practically all of the grain raised in the county is marketed here. All kinds of vegetables and the berries are raised in the county. The principal fruit growing sections being Eagle Valley, and along the Snake River.

Large quantities of Baker County peaches, cherries and apples are shipped to outside points and bring good prices because of their excellent quality.

The canneries in Eagle Valley are being enlarged this year and will can large quantities of tomatoes, peaches, beans and corn, and there is no better grown anywhere than in this productive valley.

There is a great field in Baker County for the raising of better products. This is a good potato country but the growing of seed potatoes has not been done here as much as it is. The farmers will obtain better prices for their product than they have in the past and others be encouraged to engage in the industry.

The raising of head lettuce can also be engaged in profitably in this county because of the productive soil and the cool nights.

Peas can also be grown successfully and we hope to see the industry to be engaged in extensively in the future.

Baker has a county agriculturalist who is devoting all of his time to the interests of the farmer and see to it that the support given him by the farmers themselves. The farms of this county, the same as in other counties, are too large for successful handling. With a cutting up of the large farms in smaller tracts and a more diversified farming of the soil and a diversification of products, the farmers will profit more per acre than they are now.

A few years ago many farmers and stockmen bought their butter, their milk and bacon and considered it beneath their dignity to milk a cow or raise hogs. That has all been changed and there are more cows being milked each year with a corresponding profit to the farmer.

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two and a half miles of the railroad track of the O.W. & N. Co., and one and one-half miles of the Old Oregon Trail.

We expect to receive the final approval of this project from the Director of the U. S. Reclamation Service, and see actual construction work start this summer. The building of this project will add greatly to the productive wealth, the population and assessed valuation of Baker County and be a great incentive to other irrigation projects in the state.

Scenic Wonders. Baker County is richly endowed with a wealth of scenic grandeur, unsurpassed in any county in the state. Located in an altitude of 4442 feet, with high mountain ranges surrounding it, with an elevation of from eight to ten thousand feet, there are numerous mountain resorts with a variety of scenic grandeur which can satisfy the most exacting.

Within a few minutes ride by auto from Baker, beautiful camping sites can be reached and the lakes and the along mountain streams are to be enjoyed any place. If you desire to reach the most grand, rugged, snow-capped mountain peak, that desire can be realized in a few hours trip from Baker.

If you desire to make a short journey for the game mountain trout, a few hours will bring you to streams where some ambition may be realized. If you wish to hunt the wild fowl or the larger game, you may also have that wish come to pass, within the game season in a short journey from the city. With the co-operation of the Forest Service, good sporting auto roads are being built into the fastnesses of the mountains, reaching the lakes and streams which before were accessible only by saddle horses and pack animals.

The Great Big Outdoors for all around Baker for the people to enjoy to their heart's desire.

In the near future these resorts will be frequented by thousands of tourists and the fame of Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties will go out to all the world as a Wonderland and the Playground where all who desire may go and throw off the cares of commercial life and live as a human being should for a time at least in every year, close to Nature.

Wallowa Lake Nature's Queen

Is Best of Northwest's Lakes; Center of Vast Area of Scenic Grandeur.

It is impossible to call attention to the resources and scenic attractions of Wallowa county without giving at least brief special mention to Wallowa Lake.

To one who has viewed that beautiful expanse of water he can not help but believe that the Creator made Wallowa Lake as a final achievement to the completion of the world.

The Northwest possesses many lakes that are larger in area but none so beautiful. Wallowa Lake is abundant with the handwork of God that it challenges both writer and painter. No pen, no brush can begin to portray the supreme beauty of it. Approximately two miles in length and from one to two miles wide, fed by water flowing from the perpetual snowbanks high up on the mountain sides, clear as a crystal and reflecting on its bosom the towering mountains which it is sheltered, it has for years been the magnet of Nature's

beauty. Within varied distances are many other lakes, and beginning at the water's edge and extending for miles to the south and west are many mountain peaks rising with each other in high, high splendor. Among the small lakes are Ice Lake, six miles southwest, Alvin Lake, 16 miles southwest, and Horseshoe Lake, located 18 miles southwest. Aneroid, second in size only to Wallowa Lake, is located seven miles south and stands at an elevation of 7400 feet. Many other lakes are located at exceedingly high elevations and with a radius of from 10 to 20 miles.

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No East, No West, No North No South, in Our Great State

PORTLAND CHIEF EXECUTIVE URGES ABOLISHING OF LINES OF DEMARCATON AND GO FORWARD UNDER STATE BANNER OF ADVANCEMENT

(By G. L. Baker, Mayor of Portland.)

A short time ago I had the pleasure of driving up the great Columbia River Highway to what we are pleased to term "Eastern Oregon." As we sped along through that maze of scenery with the mighty Columbia and its network of sparkling inlets at our feet, the vast timber lands stretching the hillside as far as the eye could see, the acres of beautiful farm land moving by in a great panorama of beauty, progress and prosperity—I came to a realization of the paramount reason for the passing of sectionalism in Oregon.

Nothing Like Good Roads.

I came to realize for the first time what highways and improved roads have meant and are meaning to the state and what future development of these facilities will mean. I became a convert to the cause of good roads, stronger than ever before because it was so clear what those developments mean. I came to a realization of the fact that in celebrating the completion of trunk lines in Eastern Oregon we are celebrating the advent of the state's greatest growth and development, the elimination of sectionalism and the uniting of the people of the state into one great family with one ambition, one hope and one plan—the development of Oregon.

In days that have gone, an imagination in the Oregon and the Northwest.

Before the advent of the white man it was for centuries, perhaps, the shrine of the Indian. Since the day it was first viewed by the earlier frontiersmen its popularity has increased, and each year it becomes an attraction for an increased number of people. Today it is one of the most popular scenic attractions in the Oregon country. The day of the automobile quickened the popularity of the spot, and the completion of the branch line of the O.W. & N. Co. in 1908, served to place it within easy reach of many, who before had never enjoyed its beauty. Now that a modern highway, connecting it with La Grande with the Oregon Trail, has been completed, its future is assured.

Improvements Being Made.

Man can not improve Wallowa Lake, but he is adding to the conveniences of its visitors by the erection of resorts, with restaurants, sleeping tents and cottages, and other conveniences. The improvements being made at the resort are well covered in another article in this section.

Additional Attractions.

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laid and factory. Portland is the natural outlet for these shipments and in turn is the natural distributing point for the supplies coming from other parts of the world to meet the needs of the people of this territory.

State Should Be As One. Why should there be any barrier between sections of the state? Why should there be any hickering as to improvements and developments even though one section may seem to be carrying the heavier part of the bill? Why should there be any hesitancy in going to any extreme or any reasonable expense to make the transportation facilities between these points the best? What benefits one part of Oregon benefits the entire state and the people everywhere in Oregon the answer will all barriers past, present or prospective be broken and we will call this the state of Oregon, a state that is working for Oregon and where there is no such thing as sectionalism.

In development, Oregon is in her infancy. We have a wonderful highway running through the state from the sea to and through Eastern Oregon. We have another highway recently all paved south to the California line. We have arterial highways extending in a network into various communities and to these highways we have farm roads, some improved and some unimproved. But we still have a long way to go to get the highway system developed to the point it should be.

In the cities, people look quite generally upon good roads as an asset to motorists. In the country they are looked upon as the greatest asset the farmer can have. In more or less remote sections, life on the farm is hard at the best. Whatever is done to improve roads and thereby bring these farms closer to the market and to the centers of activity, is a benefit not alone to the person who may live on that road but to every other man, woman and child in the state. Good roads mean better markets. Better markets mean increased production and more remuneration to the farmer. Increased production means prices to the consumer and more activity in shipping and more development and patronage of home products. All of these in turn mean greater development step by step.

Think in Terms of Advancement. The people of Oregon have not been prone to haggle over the money spent for good roads and I do not believe they will haggle in the future. It is the state's greatest means of development and development is what is needed. There is no lack of assets and there will be no curtailment of development as long as we think in terms of advancement, prosperity and growth and continue to discontinue sectionalism, hickories or hickories over improvements that are needed.

This summer we will celebrate the completion of many major highway improvements. Let us in celebrating, pledge ourselves to continued development of highways and market roads and rural improvements. Let the people of the state help themselves by helping the farmer and everyone will be surprised how rapidly we find people coming in to help develop this wonderful state of almost untouched assets and possibilities.

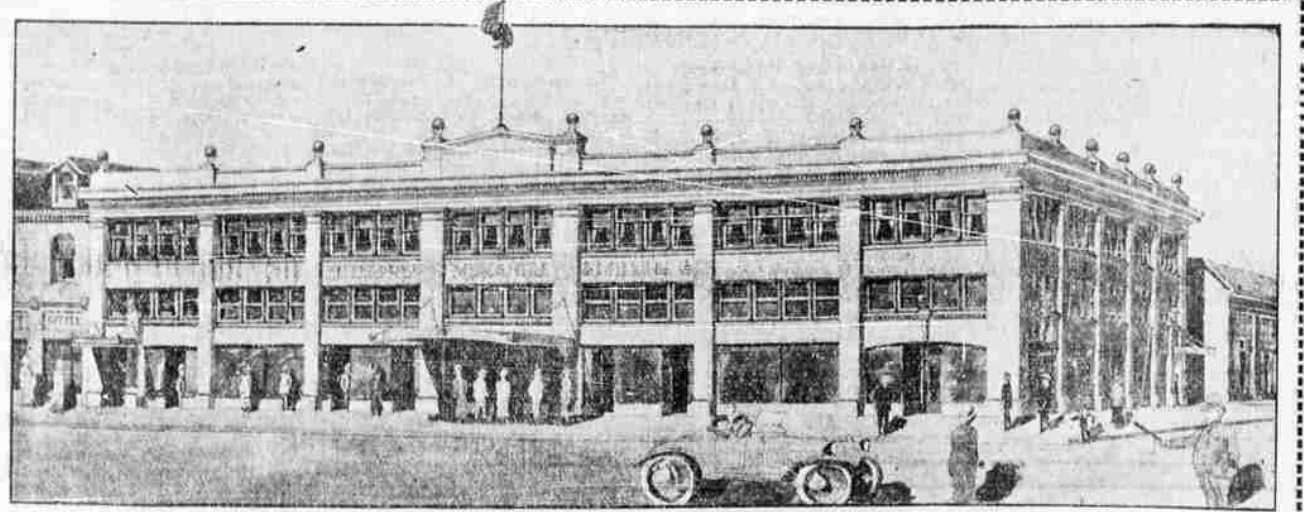
Portland as Mayor of the City of Portland to extend greetings and congratulations to Eastern Oregon on the completion of our highways that have brought us closer together. May we continue to have such celebrations year by year until Oregon is a complete network of improved roads over which the products of the state roll merrily on their way to the markets of the world.

Portland's Great Harbor.

By Portland markets is meant not merely the Portland consumers, but Portland shipping facilities. Here in a modern harbor with a deep channel to the sea are all the modern appliances for the loading and unloading of the great steamers from over the world bringing and taking the produce of the world. These facilities are an advantage to the entire state as well as to Portland. What helps Portland helps the remainder of Oregon and what helps the rest of the state helps Portland.

This great increase in facilities, business and personal and commercial relationship is growing by leaps and bounds and we trust it will continue to grow. The completion of each additional trunk line means the completion of a new plank in our platform of common and general development. Every improvement and every move that makes transportation and communication easier and cheaper means added prosperity and development for the entire state and it is everybody's duty to get behind all such improvements.

A Rich Territory. What we have called Eastern Oregon is a vast, rich territory. From the fields, farms, forests and mountains comes an enormous harvest each year which finds ordinarily a good market. It is finding a better market year by year as transportation facilities are added and as costs are lessened and as the world markets are brought closer. Draining this vast, fertile area is the metropolitan of Portland where has been built the facilities for marketing this produce, or a large part of it at least. Here are found facilities for shipping, the trainloads of wheat, the flour, the enormous clips of wool, the meat, the farm products, the minerals and all the other products of the state.



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Eagle Cap, king of the snowing mountains of Wallowa county, is the second highest mountain in Oregon, the elevation being only a few feet less than Mt. Hood. Parties frequently climb the mountain during summer months. It is a comparatively easy task to scale the peak.