

'SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA' NEIGHBOR OF LA GRANDE

Wallowa Lake Country Rich in Recreational Value, Historical Lore

In coming to the Semi-centennial Union Pacific celebration in La Grande next week, an opportunity also presents itself to out-of-town visitors—particularly those who have never been to the "Switzerland of America"—to add several more days of pleasure to their trip by extending it to take in Wallowa lake, and the recreational opportunities offered there.

Wallowa lake is three miles from Joseph, at the end of the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway, and near the end of the La Grande-Joseph branchline of the Union Pacific system.

In the last quarter of a century the lake country has gained remarkable prestige throughout the west as a playground, and each season attracts many new visitors to its shores. The lake itself is about four and a half miles long and a mile and a half wide and is surrounded by majestic mountains, including three peaks that thrust their pinnacles into the clouds at more than 10,000 feet above sea level.

The Wallowa lake country includes nearly every type of outdoor sport—swimming, fishing, hiking, horseback riding to additional rich country in the Wallowa Lake basin, marvelous scenery, golfing nearby, and nearly every sort of pleasure.

Incidentally, it is rich in history of this section. It was the old stamping ground of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians and Indian legends still tell of a monster that dwells in the depths of the body of water that is ready to prey upon anyone who approaches its hiding place. Some Indians still will hardly stand at the edge of the beautiful body of water, let alone enter a boat that would cruise over its placid surface—this in spite of the fact that no white man has ever been able to locate either the monster or any indication that it existed other than in legend. The lake in reality is no deeper than 286 feet,

LA GRANDE'S DEPOT IN 1900



The above Union Pacific depot, erected here in 1900, will be remembered by most present residents of La Grande, since it saw service for approximately 39 years before replaced by the present magnificent structure. When first erected, the depot pictured above was one of the finest in Eastern Oregon.

although legend also said it was "bottomless."

The term "Switzerland of America" has been attached to this part of Wallowa county and scores of persons from all parts of the world after viewing its beauties, declare it is unmatched anywhere over the globe. There are adequate accommodations at the lake resort for all, ranging from camping grounds to a modern, well kept hotel.

In the territory back of the lake is found the only glacier in Eastern Oregon, and hundreds visit it annually. This is only one of the attractions in the country south of the lake.

Another side trip that is interesting to thousands takes one to Buck Horn springs and the Box canyon of the Snake river, which is the world's deepest canyon—nearly a mile further into the earth than the famous Grand Canyon of the Colorado. Surveys reveal that the canyon is 7500 feet in depth.

Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific railroad, is quoted as

having once said of the Wallowa lake country: "It is the greatest possession on the Union Pacific system."

HARVESTING BIG WHEAT CROP

The Grande Ronde valley this month is engaged in harvesting a 1,000,000-bushel crop of fine quality wheat. Of this approximately 80 per cent is fall-sown wheat, and the remainder spring wheat. This is a normal wheat crop for the county since the government acreage reduction plan was invoked. Local farmers, with a good yield and hopes of a rapidly rising wheat market, are expecting very profitable returns this fall, since practically none of the crop has been sold as yet.

HEAVY AGRICULTURAL INCOME

The normal agricultural income in Union county is nearly three millions of dollars. Of this amount the wheat crop, which ranges around 1,000,000 bushels or more, and the apple crop, which is often valued at as high as \$1,000,000, make up a large portion of the total.

MANY TYPES OF FINE HOMES IN LA GRANDE

La Grande is a city that in the last 20 years has become noted for its fine residential dwellings, largely located on the south side of the railroad track, although there are several fine homes north of the U. P. main line.

Studded throughout with magnificent trees and surrounded by well kept lawns and flower gardens, the residential areas around this city's business section are a joy forever to people living here or visiting this community.

In the many fine homes over La Grande, one also may see traces of early history, styles are ever changing and to one adept in architecture, a glance often tells him approximately the age of the home at which he is looking.

Just a casual glance at some of the fine homes to determine their type. The Dr. A. L. Richardson residence is a true Georgian type colonial house, refined in detail of the Adams period of England. It was first introduced into this country about 1725. Across the street is the Bouvy home, a type of design more nearly American perhaps than any other being built today. California Mission, with Italian adaptations in cornices and wood lap siding, the combination makes a very good design. The home of A. T. Hill is of plain California Mission type with wide eaves, simple straight and substantial lines. The home

of Dr. J. L. Ingle is a Spanish design, almost typical, originating many years ago from the adobe houses. The home of Adolph Stegriest is a Dutch Colonial type, originating in America about 1717, first being built in the Hudson valley and on Long Island. The home of Aug. J. Stange is of the very early types of New England colonial, detailed lightly with doric porch columns and wrought iron balconies, modern openings, sided with paneled shutters. The home of W. H. Reuter and Charles H. Reynolds are both of early colonial, type, typifying a certain design of its own. The W. R. Leisman home is of English half timber design in stucco, and its steep pitched roofs, leaded casements and iron baskets are typical of the English home. The William Stegriest home is a typical California bungalow with attractive exterior enhanced by beautiful planting. And there are many others, but to touch upon them all would be impossible in the limited space in this edition.

LA GRANDE'S PAYROLL LARGE

La Grande's payroll, in normal times, ranges well over \$4,000,000, and is not far below that figure at present. Much of the payroll comes from the Union Pacific railroad shops, the two large saw-mills and the flouring mills.



"See the Birdie!"

... said the photographer man to Gus and Lizzie, and there and then the dream was complete. They were married! Joined in holy wedlock, as the photograph would prove, and in spite of what Lizzie's Pa said about Gus never amounting to much, Lizzie wasn't blinded by love, however. She knew that though Gus never earned much, he saved plenty. So they up and did it.

Newlyweds of today —

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The Story of the Railroad is a Story of Service

From its very beginning down through its great progress until today, the story of railroading is truly a story of both human and mechanical effort devoted to public service. We of La Grande owe much to the railroad progress of these past 50 years. It is well and proper that we fittingly observe the anniversary of its coming here.



Railway Workers

At times there comes to the thoughtful traveler a disturbing realization of the immense labor that planted the rock-sure roadbed over which his train is traveling. These railway workers keep in repair the foundation of our speedy transportation.

The station master seeing the rest of the world rush by is intent upon their safety and convenience. Like the man described by Thoreau, "He is so busy that he may escape attention. He is so necessary that his absence will immediately emphasize his importance."



The Station Master

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