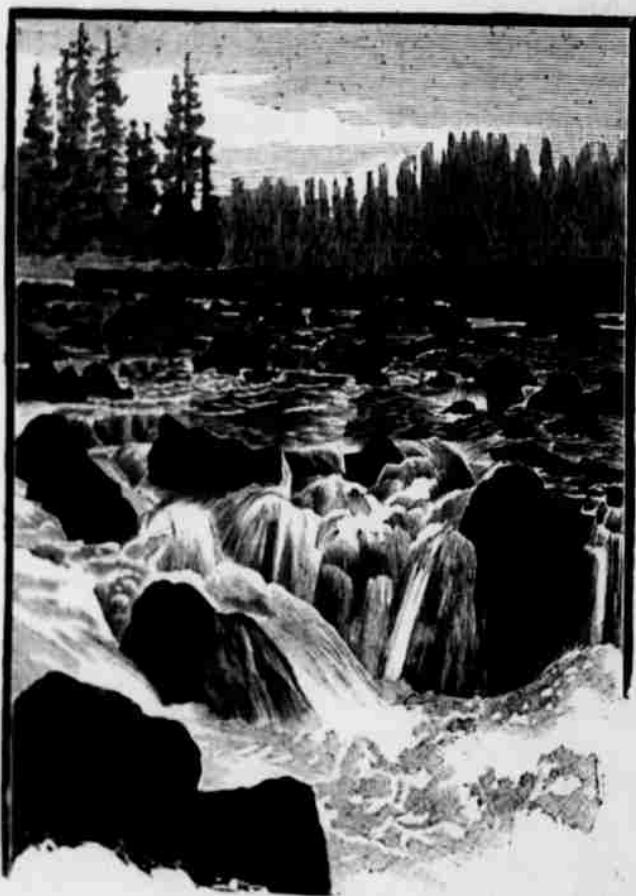


a home just as pleasant and just as valuable as he has the will and ability to make it; but if he has the money to purchase land nearer the centers of life and business, he can skip, at one bound, over the pioneer stage, and begin at once at the point which others have reached only by many years of deprivation and arduous toil. To all such, a visit to Walla Walla and the unrivaled wheat fields that roll away from it in golden billows, till lost to view beyond the far horizon, should be the first thought upon arriving in the great Inland Empire.

FALLS OF THE SANTIAM.



IN a country like Oregon and Washington, where mountains, valleys and plains, dense forests and a copious rainfall combine to make numerous and varied watercourses, there must, of necessity, be many and great water powers. The power thus provided by nature in this region, and which is running to waste, would run the factories of the world, could it but be applied to the work. Every river, save the broad Columbia, of which nearly all are tributaries, either directly or indirectly, has its source in the mountains, from which it flows down through some fertile valley, or broad plain, before losing its identity