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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1908.

Everybody in the valley rejoices
last week that the threatened de-
lay of the railroad was averted. It
is an exhibit of the right kind of
public spirit when men lay aside
what they consider their just claim
in the interest of the general good.

The Pendleton East Oregonian re-
ports that now when that city is
ready to go after an abundant and
pure water supply it finds that pri-
vate corporations have gobbled ev-
erything in sight. Last week 10,000
more inches from the Umatilla river
were filed upon, and 20,000 inches
from McKay creek. Pendleton
through its delay is going to have
a hard time to secure a water sup-
ply.

The report of Surveyor Merryman
printed elsewhere in this paper, clar-
ifies the road proposition as far as
it relates to practicable routes from
Troy and Grouse to this valley. The
best routes are out of the question
on account of their cost. Improve-
ment of the grade of the existing
road is recommended in the report.
The initiative of whatever action
may be taken lies with the people
of that section most directly inter-
ested.

The purchase of a chemical fire
engine by the council is to be com-
mended. The utility of such ma-
chines is attested by their use in
cities where every other form of
fire apparatus is owned. Even with
a first-class water system and an
abundance of fire plugs, the chemical
is likely to save its cost sever-
al times over at the first fire in a
mercantile establishment, by putting
the flames out with the minimum
damage to stock. The council should
next provide suitable places for the
hose cart and engine, and the cit-
izens, especially the younger ones
form companies that efficient use
may be made of the apparatus on
hand.

The cost of installing and main-
tenance of a water system, if it is
run in a business-like manner, will
be paid by the water-users in pro-
portion to the amount of water they
use, not in proportion to the amount
of property they own. This is equal-
ly true whether it is a city-owned
or private owned system. No matter
who puts up for the first cost, the
citizens who use the water must pay
in rates interest on the original in-
vestment, cost of operation, main-
tenance and extensions, and a sink-
ing fund or profit that will wipe out
the indebtedness or provide for re-
newals that will keep the plant "as
good as new." A city water system
is a mutual plan for water users to
secure that necessity of life at cost,
and to assure them that the supply
will be ample and pure.

A voluntary committee of citizens
at least one of whom had not be-
fore been in favor of the Whitmore
springs as the source of supply for
the city water system, made a visit
to that place one day last week and
found a stream gushing from the
springs at least 28 inches wide and
12 inches deep. In the party was a
Portland salesman of fire apparatus

**BEAUTIES AND GRANDEUR
OF THE VALLEY PEACEFUL**

Word Picture in Sunset Magazine Pays Glowing Tribute to The
Switzerland of America.—Poetical Description of Wallowa
Lake and Canyon.—Advent of Railroad.

"Ben Blow" writes the following
beautiful description of Wallowa can-
yon, lake and valley for the Septem-
ber number of Sunset Magazine:

In northeast Oregon there is a val-
ley peaceful. The mountains lift
around it on all sides and through-
out, whispering, tinkling, clear and
cool, there winds a ribbon of a riv-
er born of snows that whirls and
bubbles into pools where lurk the
salmon and the trout. There is no
clang of steel-shod wheel on steel
rails, no scream of locomotive
yet to echo and re-echo through the
purple canyon depths, but day by
day a swarm of human ants, indus-
trious, implacable, unthinking, toil-
ing only for the weary wages of the
day, builds up, tears down and re-
builds a pathway there that com-
merce may be served with steam
and steel.

The valley is Wallowa and its
peaceful fields lie broad spread un-
derneath a summer sky that rivals
Naples in its blue. Along its length,
dot tiny settlements with houses new
and new and through it runs a mere
thread of a road where once each
day, each way, there swings a six-
horse stage from Joseph into Elgin
and the world. Far at the valley's
eastern end and cuddled by the
Powder river mountains lies a lake
towers are of crystal, cold as ice;
its surface mirrors all the peaks that
lift around; its depths hold spotted
spots that wait the lure. Sixty miles
set in Idaho the Seven Devils moun-
tains lift, grotesque, satanic, serrated
suggestive of the pictures that Dore
drew for the place where souls are
lamed.

And at the lake is Joseph, named
for the famous old Nez Perce chief
ain, Joseph, who made his last stand
here before the whites. The valley
valley in by its lift of peaks, was
its until slow-moving prairie schoon-
ers that had crawled across the
plain to barrier mountains found the
pass, and the Anglo-Saxon, lord of
all the world, laid claim to it, bap-
tized it with his blood and took it
night his right, for his children and
he children of his children to build
upon and make the west that is to
be.

At Elgin is the end of steam. A
branch road of the Oregon Railway &
Navigation company threads through
the Grande Ronde valley from La
Grande and there yields to the stage
hat yields unwillingly, for day by
day the silver-ribboned stretch of
les goes on and on, until before
he early snows begin to crown the
highest peaks the way of the Wal-
lowa stage will go to history and all
he little furred and feathered people
of purple-shadowed canon and em-
erald hill will shiver at the shriek of
some new demon born of man that
shrieks their wild. From Elgin the
stage way climbs a hill for seeming-
less miles. Behind, below, the
Grande Ronde valley, hamlet flecked
spreads out diminuendo until it
seems the playground of some fairy
people that have clustered there and
built their tiny homes.

With mail in boot and women with
he driver, place aux dames, the
stage has right of way and takes it
grandly, swinging past slow freight
cars with their jangling mountain
bells. Four horse, six horse and
eight horse team, two wagon cou-
pled, loaded with the goods and
wares of all the world, climb weary
grades, slide down the slopes, cree-
slowly on until darkness makes them
camp, but past them all the stage
wings on until the curtain drops up-

who has had some experience in
water systems and a great deal of
observation of the same. He was
enthusiastic about the quality of the
water and its abundance, which he
said was ample for a city of 10,000
people. The water was perfectly
clear and its temperature was 44
degrees. While all this sounds en-
couraging, it should be the policy of
the council to make doubly sure. It
will do no harm to again have the
flow measured by an engineer and
its purity tested by the state board.
Any other possible sources of sup-
ply should not be overlooked. If En-
terprise is going to invest a goodly
sum in a water system, too much
care cannot be taken that the very
best to be had is secured.

The Ones That Profit.
From the Portland Journal.

The towns and counties that sent
out the attractive literature and had
it well distributed are getting the
immigration, all right.

on the beautiful Grande Ronde, and
then from where the rim rock breaks
a sheer 1000 feet, the way into the
west fork of Wallowa canon, purple
deep and whispering with all the
thousand voices of the wind-swept
pines must be essayed.

The road leads winding down, cut
boldly in the sheer that frowns
above. The brake shoes scream
upon the wheels, the tires grow hot,
the horses gallop down the last long
slope and then the portals of the
canon proper rise in buttressed
strength.

A long low bridge spans brawling
waters there, the road leads in among
the pines, and then beneath a sheet
apliff of somber height a tiny sta-
tion in a tiny clearing dares the wil-
derness. One long, lone pine lifts
up like some Gargantuan plume
above the house.

The horses, knowing well that they
have reached the end of their day's
work, neigh shrilly and with bang
and clatter the stage sweeps grandly
up and stops. The driver, antici-
pating of fleeting time and story oft re-
told, descends and mingles with the com-
mon throng, and then all you have
heard, all you have dreamed, of din-
ner at the Canon House comes true.

The valley where the fierce old
chief exacted tribute that was paid
by white man's blood is peaceful now.
The Powder river mountains wall it
to the south. Piled peaks lift pointed
up and rise in serrated battlements
that grow until one towers over all
the mountains of Oregon, out tops
Mount Hood.

The roadway to the lake is ever
up. The lake itself is hid until one
tops the hills that girdle it and when
the view breaks forth it mirrors all
the glories of the hills beyond, the
peaks that rise above, striped black
by canons, patched by lurking snows.
The water, cold as ice, is clear as
crystal lense. The bluish waters of
Avalon are not as clean. No boats
with framed plates of glass are
needed to look down into Wallowa's
depths. There is no water vegeta-
tion there. The rocky bottom 50 feet
below looks five.

The faintest splash of oars comes
magnified by echoes from the far
hillsides and at the southern end
there is a roaring as a waterfall
comes down from where the snows
lie deep but yield before the ardor
of the sun.

Beyond the waterfall that foams
through tangled thickets to the lake,
the mountains rise. Peaks in per-
spective stretch dwindling on. To
eastward lift the Seven Devils in con-
torted piles. To south the chain of
mountains breaks and forms a frame
for two vast peaks that pinnacle the
sky and pierce the clouds. The place
is one of beauty, little known be-
cause of difficulty of access, and its
people lovingly with something of
the soft accent of Dixieland, call it
"Wallowa."

The sunrise on the lake is gray
and grand and pink. The evening is
a glory of the west. The shadows
creep out from the shores and stripe
the peaks reflected on the bosom of
the lake. The night comes on and
all the thousand whisperings of the
wood, the coming and the goings of
the little people of the wild begin
it is a paradise untouched as yet, un-
marred by man, but when the rail-
road comes its glories still will be
and one who finds himself at La
Grande, where Grande Ronde valley
lies below the hills, can do no better
than to visit Switzerland in Oregon
to journey into Wallowa—"Wallowa,"
the vale of peace.

**LA GRANDE MACHINIST
ASKS \$50,000 DAMAGES**

The largest damage suit in the
history of Union county has been
filed by Charles E. England against
the O. R. & N. railroad, who sued
for \$50,000 damages, says the Ob-
server.

Charles England was a car repair-
er and was badly cut and bruised
about a year ago, while working on
the rip-track in the local yards. He
was run over by a box car, sustain-
ing frightful injuries to his foot and
leg. He spent several months in the
hospital and has only recently return-
ed from Portland where he spent
months in suffering while slowly re-
covering from the cutting he receiv-
ed at La Grande.

Much interest centers in the case
as the amount of damage money ask-
ed for is higher than usually de-
manded.

The attorneys for England are H.
Daniels of Portland, and Bennett &
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are prominent attorneys who conduct
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