View of the Country that is asking to become a New County.

Legislature an effort will be made etc., and several saw mills there to have the county of Harney creasupply the settlers in the valley ted out of the southern portion of with lumber at reasonable prices. Grant county. These facts render At present the settlers of this re-Harney Valley an object of special gion communicate with the outside interest to those who are seeking a world by means of a wagon road to

drained by subterranean channels. town. This fact seems to have a most ben- It will not be long before the peeficial effect upon the soil of the riod of isolation from the world's valley, as crops seem to find ample markets will be terminated by the moisture in the ground even in the construction of a railroad through other sections with a rainfall as gon Pacific is already pushing eastgreat as that of Harney Valley re- ward through the Cascades from of the region bordering immediate- will be heard in Harney Valley

Silvies river rises in the mount land, but which have earlier entains north of the valley, and flows joved the good fortune of being a distance of eighty miles in a reached by those great highways of onless side. Mirclesoutheasterly direction through the commerce. Here is to be found the valley, discharging into the lakes less opportunity now existing in car It is a rapid stream, and abounds in fish, including the gamy trout. Blitzen, or Dunder-und-Blitzen, river is fifty miles in length, and flows kept them from being settled upon into the lakes from the southward. long ago, and now that the embar-With their tributaries and other go of isolation is so soon to be resmaller streams, they pour a large moved, a great influx of settlers volume of water into the lakes constantly. Irrigation, so necessary fact, the tide has already set in, in a large portion of the Snake riv-er basin, of which this valley is a the railroad reaches the valley it part, though having no surface com- will find the lands well occupid and G' munication by water courses, is not prepared to give it a generous suprequired here, crops reaching the highest perfection without artificial ducts will supply a large quantity

The soil is similar to that of the celebrated wheat belt at the north-quina Bay. western base of the Blue mountains. state the grain shift of the second and hay from \$12 to \$18 per ton. With the advent of a railroad these conditions will be radically changed. There will be radically changed. There will then be a market for all the grain the valley will produce, but the price will be lowered to that of the general market. In addition to the native grasses upon which to the native grasses upon which esteek fottom and the second to the steek fottom and the second the second to the secon stock fatten and thrive, alfalfa, red ning New Home. potato reaches great size and per- is a machine as nearly perfect as it fection. As yet experience has not is possible to make one. well. Such is the experience of world affords. those who have initiated their cultivation. Fruit trees have been set out for more than a year, and as the young trees passed safely thro' the severest winter, last season, ever known in that region, and are thriving at the present time, the entire practicability of fruit culture is not doubted by any. The climate is pleasant and healthful. The winters are cold, and sufficient snow falls to protect crops and supply abundant moisture. The summers are cool and delightful.

Stock raising has always been the chief industry of that region. and was the only one until the past few years, when settlers began to take up homesteads and engage i small farming. As an adjunct t general farming, it will always be a prominent place, and it will many years before even the range industry will have been displaced Cattle, horses, sheep and hogs thrive on the natural grasses and food of the hills and valleys, and, save in exceptional seasons, the cattle pass through the winter in such fine condition that the spring finds them fat enough for the block, while in flavor and texture the meats compare favorably with the best stall-fed beef that reaches the During the past two years the in

crease in population has been very rapid, and the new comers are of the most desirable class, being farmers with families, men who by energy and good citizenship build up the country and develop its lat-ent powers. They are erecting Houses branded comfortable houses and barns. Its Present, and Its Future Prospects chiefly frame structures, and are as Presented to Home-Seekers using rails and wire for fencing. using rails and wire for fencing, site OR. Wells of living water are made in any portion of the valley by digging to a depth of from six to fifteen feet, and the water is excellent for drinking and domestic use. Ex-During its last session, Congress cept along the water courses, which passed a bill establishing a new are fringed with a light growth of land district in Southeastern Ore- birch and a dense growth of wilgon, and by designation of the prop- lows, the valley contains no timber, er authorities the land office has but the adjacent monntains are covbeen located in Harney Valley. At ered with a dense growth of pine, the coming meeting of the Oregon fir, juniper, mountain mahogany,

location in some new portion of the Baker City, Huntington and Ontanorthwest. The valley has a total rio, on the lines of the O. R. & N. area of 2,400 square miles, nearly Co. and the Oregon Short Line. twice the size of Rhode Island, and goods and produce being transport-somewhat larger than Delaware, all ed in freight wagons. A tri-weekly inclosed with high spurs of the Blue mail service is maintained in four directions from Burns, the distrib-The valley is a comparatively uting point. At this place good level plain, in the center of which general stores carry in stock all the lie two lakes, Harney and Malheur, commodities found in much larger only a few hundred yards apart and towns. Here is published THE connected by a narrow channel, HERALD, the only newspaper in that their united area being about 150 region, a live local paper, devoted Left Hip. square miles. Into these lakes to the work of making the valley pour the waters of Silvies and Blittand its resources known to the Understope in the Left ear. zen rivers, but they have no visible thousands who are seeking such a Their waters are nearly place for a home Harney is the fresh, indicating that they are name of another small but growing

dryest seasons, and thrive, while the heart of the valley. The Orequire surface irrigation for the per- Albany, and within two years, at fection of crops. One peculiarity the latest, the locomotive's whistle ly upon the lakes is the frequency When that day arrives, the valley and distinctness of the mirages will cease to be "way off" in the pictured by its atmosphere, objects mountains, but will be as near marmiles away being distinctly reflect- ket as many older and better known regions equally distant from Portto offer two seaports to shippers, one

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