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**City and County
Brief News Items**

Alfalfa seed for sale at R. S. & Z. Attorney D. W. Sheehan is at Baker City on business.

I. N. Pitzer left on Tuesday morning's train on a trip to outside points. Daniel Boyd went to Pittsburgh, Pa., last week to come home with Mrs. Boyd and the children.

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County Clerk and Mrs. W. C. Boatman left Sunday for Seattle to see the fair.

Miss Blanche Murray of Alder Slope returned Saturday from a visit at Salem.

The dates of the Harvest Home at Flora are Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25.

J. M. Blakely held the lucky ticket that drew the fine hat at the opera house Saturday night.

Gus Price, who has been ill for so long, has become worse again and left Tuesday for Ho. Lake.

There will be a called meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. George Gally, Friday afternoon.

Rev. W. S. Crockett will occupy the pulpit of the Christian church next Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. C. E. Trueblood went out to Elgin Tuesday to look after a tract of fruit land he bought out there last winter.

C. R. Edlemon came out from Flora Saturday to begin a term of school at the Pratt school house. School opened Monday.

M. H. Tucker has resigned the Hurricane Creek school. He is employed at Burnaugh & Mayfield's drug store.

Rev. W. P. Simms went to La Grande Tuesday to see his new grandchild, a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Briehou, Saturday.

Miss Joyce Craig is organizing a class in music, to continue three months. All wishing to enter the class will please let Miss Craig know as soon as possible.

S. B. Warnock of Troy brought out a lot of fine sweet corn the first of the week. Mr. Warnock says the crops in his section are fine, as good as ever known.

P. L. McPherson, who had resided here for the last two years, left Tuesday for The Dalles and will probably go on to Vancouver, Wash., though he has not determined his exact location.

S. B. Warnock of Troy came out Sunday bringing his nephews, Herk and Swift Warnock of Mabton, Yakima county, Wash., who had been visiting him. The young men left Monday for Idaho where they will visit brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCormack, the well known pioneer settlers, left Tuesday for Pomeroy, Wash., to see his brother, E. R. McCormack, who is ill. E. R. formerly resided in Union county and is remembered by the old settlers there and here.

Captain James Blakely of Brownsville, Oregon's oldest pioneer, accompanied by his son W. M. Blakely, and wife of Pendleton, and Samuel Thompson and family of Pendleton, after a visit here for a few days with the Captain's son, J. M. Blakely, and family, left Monday in their auto for Pendleton.

Drs. F. E. and H. C. P. Moore, the osteopaths who sold their practice in La Grande last week, will spend the winter in this valley, practicing in Joseph, Wallowa and Enterprise with headquarters in this city. In the spring they will go East to take a post-graduate course in the osteopathic college. Dr. F. E. Moore will come here about September 21, and Mrs. Moore, who is now in the East will join him here on her return.

Miss Edna Browning, who went to Spokane last week, has by advice of Professor Heritage, joined a lyceum company that will tour the larger Canadian cities. She will be the soloist of the company and while it is a fine opportunity for her there is not the slightest doubt but she will become at once a popular star. Miss Browning's fame as a vocalist is not confined to her home community and she achieved great success as soloist at the Gladstone Chautauqua during the season of 1908.

GERALD HOLMES DEAD.

Gerald Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holmes, died Tuesday night at 11:30 o'clock, of peritonitis. Funeral Friday at 10 a. m. from the M. E. church.

Spotted Team Runs Away.

While J. H. Patterson was driving his team of spotted ponies to town Sunday morning, the pole became unfastened from the neckyoke and dropped to the ground. The horses in their first frightened leap overturned the hack and getting free came on a gallop to town. The accident happened just this side of Ant flat. Mr. Patterson suffered a slight sprain of his leg and the dashboard and traces were damaged.

Two Fishers Fined.

Deputy Game Warden Joe Clemons returned Sunday from a trip to the North country. While there he arrested two Asotin men on the Wenaha river for fishing without a license. They pleaded guilty in a hearing before Justice Lafayette Wilson and each was fined \$25 and costs.

Mayor Byram Mayfield went to Elgin Sunday to visit at his parents home while his fractured leg is recovering its usual strength.

**ROOM FOR MILLIONS
IN FERTILE VALLEY**
(Continued from front page.)

a mile to a mile. It lies about twelve miles from the town of Joseph, over a very rough trail.

All of these lakes are uninhabited except one. Their water is too cold for fish, and they have lain idle and useless among the rocks for ages, doing nothing but look beautiful and reflect the graceful shapes of the pine trees and the drifting clouds.

The only exception is Lake Wallowa, which lies on the eastern side of the mountains at an altitude of 4,400 feet, between two high and almost level ridges with a background of purple peaks. It occupies the entrance of a heavily timbered canyon and receives the water from a wide area of melting snow that comes dashing down the mountain sides and many springs which have cropped out along its banks. The lake is four and a half miles long, an average of a mile and a half wide and 400 feet deep in several places where a lead has been dropped. People have been coming here to camp for many years and have built quite a little village of cabins and tents, with a dancing pavilion, a store, a restaurant and an ice cream "parlor." One shore is girdled with a roadway, and Mrs. Maud Hamilton, an enterprising young woman, carries the public back and forth in gasoline amches.

Lake Wallowa would make an ideal summer resort and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company is "boosing" a movement to build a "feature hotel" like El Tovar at the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and Old Faithful Inn in the Yellowstone. There is no mountain resort in Oregon for invalids or pleasure seekers that would be so agreeable or convenient. It would be difficult to imagine a more attractive place.

The most interesting thing about the lake is a unique fish. It will not bite at any kind of bait and is caught by three hooks tied together at the end of a pole, which the fisherman pushes along slyly until he gets them in the right position. Then he "yanks." This is the only way they can be caught, and even then they are never seen except in the fall. They are supposed to spend the rest of the year in deep water, out of sight.

A full-grown "yank" resembles a black bass, having a small backbone and firm white flesh. It is from twelve to fifteen inches long and will weigh from two to three pounds. Agents of the fish commission at Washington, who were sent out here to make an investigation, reported that the "yank" is absolutely unique and does not appear elsewhere. The water of the lake has been used for irrigation for a quarter of a century. The farmers organized years ago and built a dam and canals to all parts of the valley with their own labor and capital. They have a fall of 250 feet and their supply will last until snow ceases to fall and mountain springs run dry. The dam has raised the water in the lake about two feet and has covered a sandy beach at the upper end where the campers have been in the habit of bathing. Only cold-blooded people go in, for the temperature is icy.

There is an opportunity for generating unlimited electric power at the outlet of the lake, and a small plant with a capacity of a few hundred horse power has already been placed there to light the town and run a flour mill. It can be extended at a small expense at any time, but there is no demand at present.

The valley stretches out and broadens until it meets the mountains, many miles away—a perfect site for a great city, with natural drainage,

abundant water, fertile soil and room for millions of people. Just now the landscape, as far as a human eye can see, is glowing with ripened grain, as if some magician had spread a cloth of gold over all the earth; and the mountain sides, as far up as the timber line, are a russet brown, with a luster like velvet, which is caused by the mature bunch grass, the choicest of fodder for fattening mutton and beef.

There is very little waste land in the valley. Almost every acre is planted to grain and alfalfa, the most profitable crops, which are called for in unlimited quantities from the mining regions of Montana and Idaho. Farmers cut three crops from every meadow and then turn in the hogs. The ripened alfalfa is stacked in enormous piles by a derrick to wait for winter prices. The land was all taken up a generation ago, and the way the Indians were crowded out in 1877-78 by the "advance of civilization" is one of the most shameful chapters in our history. Senator Hear, in a speech at a New England dinner in New York, once said that when the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth Rock, they fell upon their knees, and then fell upon the Indians, which very neatly describes the settlement of this valley. But the invaders were a moral and God-fearing people, and aside from robbing the Indians of their land, they have left a good example for their posterity to emulate. Only the other day Mr. Mc Murray, general passenger agent of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, received a petition signed by almost everybody in the valley asking him not to permit Sunday excursions because they disturbed the quiet of the Sabbath and interfered with divine worship.

In 1888 a branch of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company was built from La Grande up to a town called Elgin. In 1908 it was extended up the Wallowa Valley to Joseph, being opened for traffic last November. It has done a good business and has given an impetus to every form of industry and activity. The increase of traffic has been remarkable, although it runs through an old country, which has been thickly settled for nearly thirty years. The railway is changing methods of farming also. People are giving up cattle and are planting wheat, oats and sugar beets. There are many sheep in the foothills. More than a million and a half pounds of wool were shipped from the valley last year. A string of thriving towns have sprung up along the line, and new settlers are coming in rapidly from the central West—the overflow from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, but it isn't pioneering. This valley is as well settled as any part of Kentucky or Connecticut, only the population is not so dense and there is room for more between the mountain ranges.

It is a prohibition county. It went "dry" long before there was any political agitation of the question in the state, because the people realize the advantage of temperance and the evils of the saloon.

Wallowa is an old town, founded in the 70s, but it has grown slowly because of its isolation. The farmers had to haul their grain and wool from sixty to eighty miles to market before the railway came in last November; hence they found it more profitable to raise cattle and sheep and other produce that would furnish its own transportation. They have made money and have kept it, and there is no more prosperous, intelligent or contented community in the land.

Joseph is at the end of the track, which looks like a fishhook on the map because it follows the trend of the valley. It is a square, evenly built town with broad regular streets, lined with modest but comfortable cottages. An irrigation ditch hugs every sidewalk on either side, through which which the water rushes with a musical sound, bringing life and growth and health to everything it reaches.

Enterprise is another thriving town, ten miles below Joseph, and the big warehouse that has just been built along the side of the railway station shows that its people have plenty of valuable produce to ship away. The sound of the hammer is heard everywhere in the land; large piles of lumber lie along every side track and almost hide the stations, and the high price of wheat and wool are matters for mutual congratulation among the settlers.

And they raise something else besides wheat and wool and sugar beets in this part of the country. I heard yesterday of the family of John Benjamin Brown, aged 47, and Margaret Ausin Brown, his wife, aged 42, and their children, who inventory as follows:

John Milton age 25, Albert Henry 23, Clara Ann 22, Jacob Atherton 20, Paul Butler 18, Elmer 16, Robert 14, Mabel 12, Marga et 12, William 10, Orin 8, Mar'ann Grace 7, Cecil Grove 6, Wallace 4, Mildred 1, Eugene 2 months.

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and 3 inches, their combined age 291 years and 6 months and their combined weight 2,245 pounds. Since his marriage, twenty-seven years ago, Mr. Brown says the only time they have called a doctor was when a new baby was expected, and he has never taken a drop of medicine or tasted whisky in his life.

WEDDING BELLS.

A pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Knapp, of 1219 Idaho St., Lewiston, Idaho, Saturday evening, Sept. 4, 1909. Fred C. Knapp, son of the host and hostess and Miss Sasie A. Dorse, of the Mud Creek country, of this section, being the contracting parties says the Flora Journal. The ceremony took place at 8 o'clock p. m. The bride and bridegroom were appropriately attired, the bride in pure white. Rev. Flynn of the Christian church was the officiating minister and performed the ceremony in an impressive manner.

The wedding was a quiet one, none but relatives of the bridegroom and the mother of the bride being present. The happy couple have already departed for their future home at Stevensville, Mont., where Mr. Knapp has a lucrative position awaiting him. The Journal joins in the wishes of their many friends that the craft in which they shall float toward the sea of eternity may glide peacefully and encounter but few breakers.

Young McGarry.

Mrs. Mary McGarry and Mr. John W. Young were married by Rev. W. P. Samms at his home Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Both are well known residents of this vicinity and have many friends who extend heartiest congratulations.

John Wortman, Jr., returned Sunday from a three weeks trip to the Coast.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office of the Mountain Gem Mining company, capital stock \$2,000,000; incorporators, Thos. P. Adams, Floyd Green and Margaret Sheets.

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