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Wallowa News Notes (1906-1908)

* Local Items Caught in the Gill Net and Bunched Together for the Purpose of Making a Showing and Not for Their Special Interest or Importance

(* Subheading courtesy of the La Grande Chronicle, 1907)

1907

Skating Accident

Ilah Berry had the misfortune to fall on the skating rink floor and break both bones of her right forearm. Dr. Gregg was present, and he set and splinted the arm immediately after the accident. – *The Wallowa News* (January 11, 1907)

1907

Spilled Hay

G.A. Miler and James Britton, while attempting to ford the river with a load of hay, had the misfortune of getting one of the horses down. The animal was cut loose and floundered out after drifting down the stream. Several men worked all afternoon and finally got the load out and reloaded it on another wagon and brought it into town. – *The Wallowa News* (January 11, 1907)

“GATE CITY” Barber Shop
⇒HAIR CUTTING, SHAVING AND SHAMPOOING←
Agent for The A B G Laundry, La Grande, Ore.
C. H. MEEHAN, Proprietor.

– *The Wallowa News* (April 13, 1906)

1907

Wrestling Match

At the last regular meeting of the Wallowa Commercial Club, a wrestling match was arranged between Messrs. Shell and Maxwell for two out of three falls, catch-as-catch-can. This will be a great attraction and visitors who desire to witness it have the privilege by paying an entrance fee of 25 cents. This is the first attraction arranged by the club, but in the near future there will be a play presented. Tell your friends about the club, and when in town call upon the members, tender your application for membership, thereby assisting in improving the Gate City. – *The Wallowa News* (January 25, 1907)

1907

Fire Department?

How about a fire department for Wallowa. With a good fire apparatus, there certainly should be a fire company. The apparatus has been on hand for some time and has been fully tested. Who will organize a department? – *The Wallowa News* (February 8, 1907)

1908

Ballot Measure

For equal suffrage constitutional amendment permitting women to vote on equal terms with men.

Everybody has his own opinion on this. As for us, we vote “Yes.” – *News Record* (May 14, 1908)

Now is The time To
List Your Property with
COUCH & McDONALD
If you wish to sell it this season.
They are preparing for the spring and summer campaign. They buy and sell real estate in all parts of Wallowa County. They did a big business last year and are preparing for more this year.
Wallowa, Oregon.

– *The Wallowa News* (April 23, 1906)

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THE NIGHTS WALLOWA BURNED

Downtown Fires (1905–1934)

The Devastating Fiend: Main Street Fire, 1905

From the *Elgin Recorder* (May 5, 1905)

A report reached Elgin Monday evening conveying the news that part of the business section of our sister town Wallowa had been destroyed by fire. The cause of the conflagration is attributed to a defective flue in the Hotel McCrae, in which building the fire started at 3:50 p.m. Monday afternoon [May 1] and ere the devastating fiend could not be subdued, the hotel building and three other buildings were burned to the ground. The buildings burned were the hotel belonging to R. McCrae, the law office belonging to A.S. Cooley, the variety store belonging to Charles Brown, and the Johnson Public Hall.

None of the buildings or their contents were insured. From the hotel building, a large amount of furniture and other articles were saved, as were the fixtures and books from Cooley's law office. Articles amounting to a considerable value were saved from Brown's store but were badly broken and smashed. Mr. Brown was severely burned about the neck and face. The town has no fire protection, and it was only the hardest kind of work that the entire business section was not destroyed. Mr. McCrae has begun the construction of a new hotel building, and will resume business as soon as possible.

Charles E. Brown, for many years identified with the pioneer mercantile days of Wallowa, here for a brief visit this weekend, recalled with a smile some of his experiences. It was when speaking of the fire in the early part of [1905], when he lost his store and the [Hotel McCrae] burned, that he told of the hysteria engendered by the conflagration and some of the queer things done. "I was operating a variety store," he said, "and I had a fancy lamp for a center table that retailed for about \$12 or \$15. Someone took that lamp out and carefully carried it up Main Street a couple of blocks and as carefully set it down in a protected spot, then turned to hasten back to save more articles. In turning, he tripped, fell over the lamp, and smashed it to bits. And they carried the pillows carefully downstairs while they threw the furniture out of the windows into the streets and smashed it beyond repair." – The Wallowa Sun (March 4, 1937)



Utterly Impossible to Save: Livery Fire, 1914

From *The Wallowa Sun* (September 17, 1914)

A fire completely destroying the N.D. Crofutt Livery Stable, a building belonging to Mrs. Minnie Stevens of Cove, on Main Street, and a barn back of the livery stable owned by H.D. Driver occurred in Wallowa on Monday evening at 9:30 o'clock. Three horses belonging to B.F. and G.W. Ross were also burned.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Crofutt states he had no fire in any part of the stable that day. Some men who intended to sleep in the barn that night had retired; one of them, who had not yet fallen asleep, noticed smoke coming up through one of the hay shutes and upon examination discovered the lower part of the barn ablaze. The alarm was immediately given and the fire brigade was soon upon the scene.

A number of horses were in the barn, five belonging to Ross Bros., and all were rescued with the exception of the three horses belonging to these gentleman. The horses were valued at \$640, this price having been refused only a short time before, and a pet racehorse. They also lost a camp outfit worth \$300. They felt their loss keenly, both being old gentlemen, who were on their way to Baker. B.F. Ross narrowly escaped with his life.

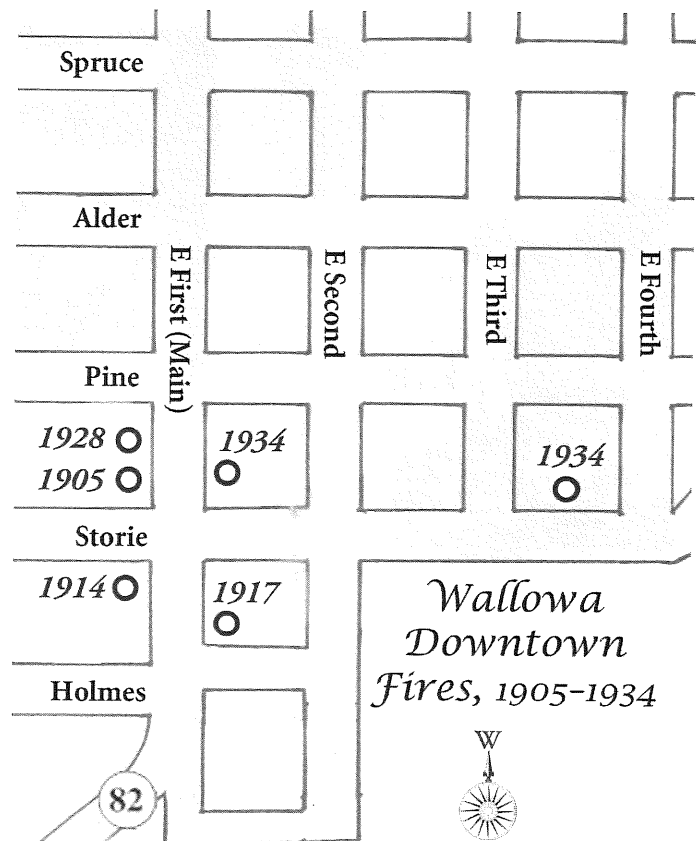
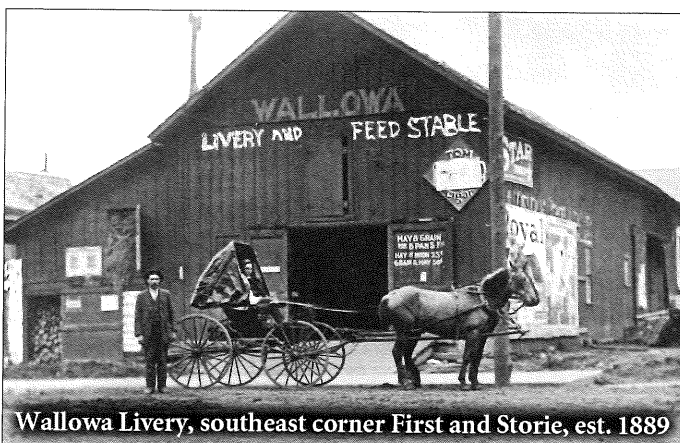
Owing to such a strong wind, the fire gained such rapid headway that it proved utterly impossible to save the buildings or much of the contents.

The residence of E.A. Holmes occupied by E.L Holmes was saved only by the miraculous efforts of the men, as it lay directly in the path of the wind.

The west side of the residence was slightly damaged, and the fruit trees between the house and the Stevens building were ruined. Other buildings slightly damaged were the roof on Morelock's Opera House, and the front of the building occupied by Enterprise Electric Co.



Had it not been for the steady downpour of rain, the greater part of the town would have been in ashes, as the water pressure would not have been great enough to extinguish the fire. N. D. Crofutt estimates his loss at \$2,000 and carried no insurance, the insurance having run out only a few days previous. Mr. Driver's loss is valued at \$500 and no insurance. The Stevens Building was insured for \$900. The livery stable was one of the first buildings in Wallowa and was built about 25 years ago.



Burned to the Ground: Opera House Fire, 1917

From *The Wallowa Sun* (May 10, 1917)

The Wallowa Opera House [corner of First and Ellen] was burned to the ground Sunday morning. The first alarm was turned in about 2 a.m., with a quick response of the volunteer fire companies.

The regular Saturday night show was held in the building, and as the night was cool, manager Morelock had a small fire in the stove to take the chill off the room, and this is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

The building and contents were insured for \$4,000. The building was valued at \$7,000, with \$2,500 to \$3,000 on the furniture, fixtures, piano, stage scenery, picture machines, and roller skates.

Mr. Morelock expects to erect another show house on the same corner just as soon as he arranges business matters, and expects to be running again about the first of August.

Flames Roaring: Business Block Fire, 1928

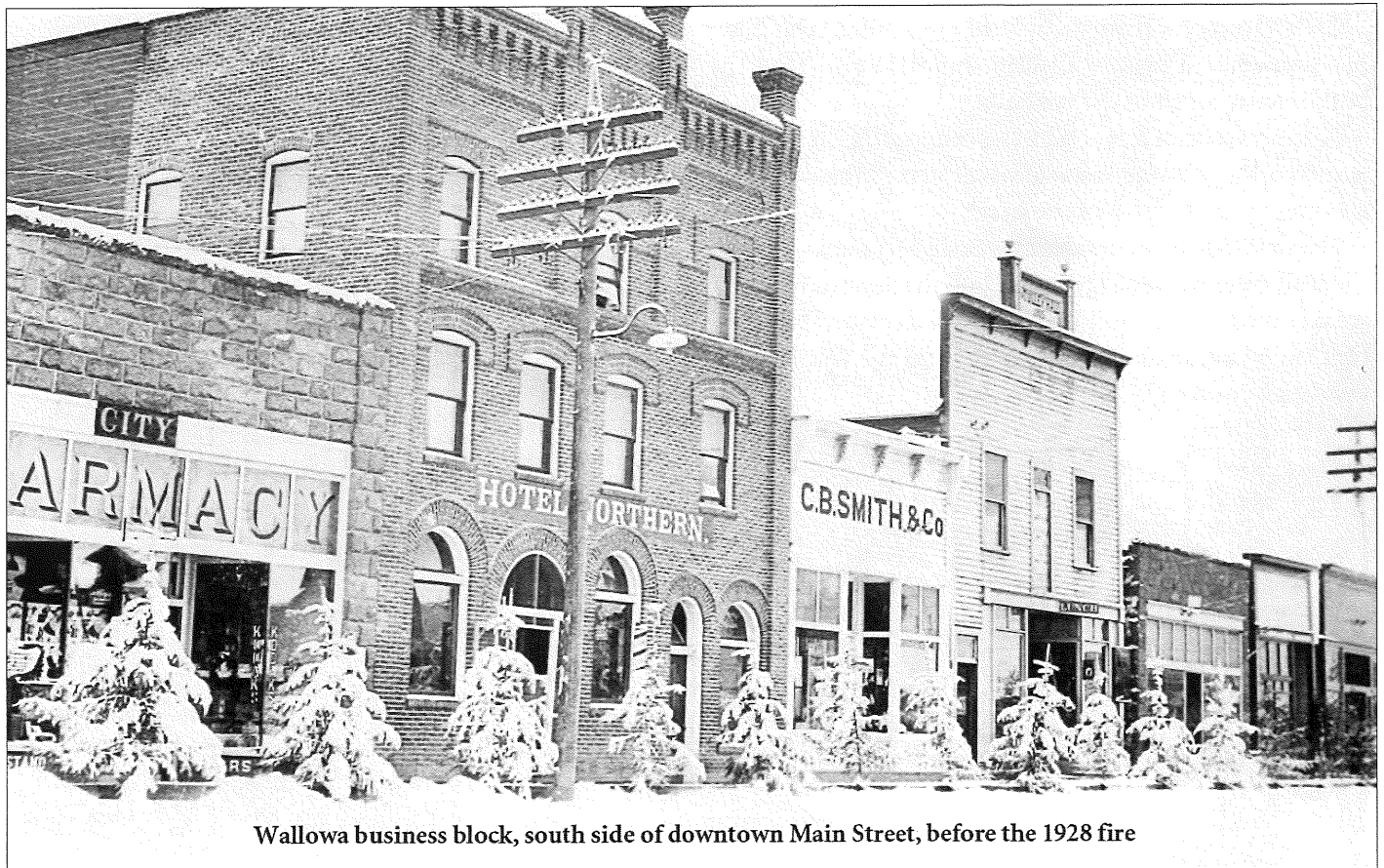
From the *Enterprise Record Chieftain* (December 6, 1928)

Fire destroyed more than half a block of business buildings and most of their contents in the heart of Wallowa early Tuesday morning, with an estimated loss of some \$25,000. Other property was in great jeopardy from the flames and was saved with difficulty.

Because of the cold of the winter it is improbable that new buildings can be erected before next spring, when concrete, brick and stone will replace the frame structures.

Meanwhile the business men will find other and temporary quarters and will courageously continue operations.

The boundaries of the fire were the City Pharmacy on the east and the post office on the west. Both of these, of brick, stone and concrete, escaped with little damage. The general opinion is that the fire started in a vacant, two story frame structure in the middle of the block owned by Mrs. Bessie Tulley. When the town was roused by the siren



alarm, this building was burning like a great bonfire, with flames roaring up through the roof.

Water was thrown on this but the pressure seemed low, and the adjoining building occupied by W.F. Poole, was also in flames, which continued to spread so rapidly and with such intense heat that men could not get near enough to handle the hose. Attention was given then chiefly to the more substantial buildings at the sides, the pharmacy and the post office, and with complete success.

The Northern Hotel was filled with guests, but they were aroused in plenty of time by the fire in the adjoining structures and all got out without difficulty. Also, considerable property was carried out of stores and the two barber shops in the path of the fire.

The hotel was three stories high at the front and extended back nearly to the alley, with brick facing on the street and part way back. It was erected in 1911, had a frontage of 40 feet, and was owned by R. McCrae, pioneer hotel man of Wallowa. He and his wife are spending the winter at Asotin with a daughter, and Mrs. J.M. Casteel was running the hotel. The hotel property was estimated to be worth \$12,000 and was insured for \$3,000.

Occupying a front room in the building was Charles Fisher's barber shop. This was insured for \$1,000, and the proprietor and friends carried out the chairs and some other equipment.

West of the hotel was a one-story frame building owned by E.A. Schiffler of Pendleton and occupied by W.F. Poole with jewelry store and Mrs. Frank Marshall with a store carrying women's articles. Mr. Poole's loss was estimated at \$3,000 and his insurance at \$1,000.

Adjoining this was the vacant building owned by Mrs. Bessie Tulley, the store room of which had formerly been occupied by J.C. Baird's variety store. This was an old time building and the second floor was used years ago for dances and public gatherings. Partitions were constructed later to give living rooms. This building extended back to the alley and had no basement.

No one was supposed to be in the building, and if the fire started here, apparently it resulted from a visit by midnight trespassers. There was no stove in the structure and the electric current was cut off. After the fire had been discovered, the front door was found securely locked, and any persons who might have entered were presumed to have gone in thru the rear door.

West of the Tulley building was the one-story store owned and occupied by J.C. Baird, who recently moved his variety store in. Mr. Baird bought the property from C.B. Smith when the latter retired from business in Wallowa in the

summer. The loss on the building is estimated at \$4,500, with insurance at \$3,000; and on the stock the loss was put at \$6,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

Next came the narrow one-story frame structure owned by Louise Waely of Clarkston, Wash., and rented by H.M. Vaught for a barber shop. No insurance was carried on the building, but Mr. Vaught had \$1,000, and he carried out part of his shop equipment. This was the last building burned, for the fire was halted at the post office, with side walls of concrete blocks and front of brick. J.P. Gillespie owns this structure, in which the Pacific Power & Light company also has its office. On the corner is the frame building also owned by Mr. Gillespie and occupied by the Servewel grocery. The shingle roof of this caught fire and a considerable hole was burned, but the flames were halted there.

The roof of the City Pharmacy, east of the destroyed hotel, was deluged with water and the building thus saved, but much water soaked through and down on the plastered ceiling of the store, and some dripped to the floor. But the proprietors, L.F. Allen and Kenneth McKenzie, made light of this, counting themselves very fortunate to get off with such light loss.

Heat from the fire was so intense that men could not go in the street before the burning buildings. Every plate glass window in the stores and offices across the street was cracked, and the paint was blistered and scorched. Back of the Northern Hotel were a couple of small sheds which went with the rest, and carried the fire threateningly close to the *Wallowa Sun* building. Fortunately, the night was perfectly still and the embers were not carried far, a fact which saved adjoining property.

Some 25 years ago, old residents recall, Wallowa was visited by a fire which swept away the buildings on the same ground covered by this latest blaze. At that time there were no brick structures to check the fire and it cleaned up the block.

1929 (10 months later) Will Build in Wallowa. J.P. Gillespie, Wallowa market owner and investor who recently bought the old McCrae Hotel property in Wallowa, is preparing to erect a one-story store building on the ground. This will replace the last of the buildings destroyed in the fire which burned out nearly a block of the Wallowa retail district last winter [1928]. The property has a frontage of 40 feet and a depth of 110 [feet], and has a full basement. Mr. Gillespie is planning on a concrete structure with brick front, divided into two storerooms. He has tenants in sight for both. — Enterprise Record Chieftain (September 26, 1929)

A Heap of Ashes: Miller Hotel Fire, 1934

From *The Wallowa Sun* (May 31, 1934)

The Miller Hotel in Wallowa today is a heap of ashes. Fire was discovered about 2:30 yesterday afternoon when Miss Allen asked some of those in the dining room if there was not the odor of fire in the building.

A rush to the stairway disclosed smoke in volumes in the upstairs, and the west-end roof was allowing the smoke to escape. Alarm from two of the men at the hotel was turned in, and the volunteer fire fighters of Wallowa were soon in full action.

A strong wind blowing in a southeasterly direction fanned the blaze deeper and deeper into the building, and although the fire department fought bravely there was not a possible chance to check the flames.

In less than an hour after the fire was discovered, the hotel was a heap of ashes. The construction gang for the Hart Brothers Construction Company all had lodging at the hotel and lost their personal belongings.

Guy Patten, receiver of the bank in Wallowa, and Mr. Jim Witherell were both rooming at the hotel, and when the fire was discovered they each made for the hotel in an effort to save their personal effects. These they managed to get out by means of a ladder from a second story window, but not until some of their clothing had been badly damaged by the fire.

The flames spread across the street to the old garage building of L. Couch's, which had a lot of baled hay, and



this building, likewise, was in ashes in a few minutes. The baled hay belonged to C.A. Hunter and Frank Walker.

The Duncan McLean home was threatened by the blaze, but the incessant pouring on of water saved it, as it also did the house belonging to John Schaut across the street. The Art Hewitt home caught fire but was saved by desperate effort.

The Miller Hotel was operated by Miss Frankie Allen who with her brother Glenn Allen purchased it from Arthur Miller August 5, 1929. Miller built the hotel about 20 years ago [1911], and it has for some time been the only hotel operating in Wallowa.

Burst into Violent Flame:

Shell Mercantile—Wallowa Hardware Fire, 1934

From *The Wallowa Sun* (August 2, 1934)

Fire Breaks in Upper Story of Shell Building; Wallowa Hardware Goes in Disastrous Fire

Following by only a few months time the disastrous fire which took the Miller Hotel, Wallowa was visited Wednesday morning by another blaze which wiped out a landmark of the earliest days in the valley.

The fire, of unknown origin, broke out at 12:20 Wednesday morning, being first discovered by Mrs. Gordon Martin, who told Gordon to rush to the scene while she turned in the alarm.

The fire had caught in the upper story [of the Shell building on Main Street] and had made good headway before breaking through the roof. When discovered, it had

just burst into violent flame. Chances for saving it were slight from the start.

The heat from the blaze cracked the plate glass in the windows of the bank, drug store, Sun office and other buildings up and down the street. The Telephone Building was in danger for a time, and considerable damage was done to the windows in it. All telephone connections were soon damaged, and no calls could be put through.

Fred Henning of La Grande started at 1:00 o'clock with help to commence repairing, and late in the day phones were again in order.

The fire department did good work in checking the fire from spreading to other buildings. The Hauprich store was in danger, and had not strong effort been made in fighting it from the west, it is possible that the four adjoining buildings, including the Searle Insurance office, Lively Pool Hall, and the old Wallowa Cafe, would have gone. The Enterprise fire engine was rushed down to assist and also a fire truck from the forest department, and Fred Furst of the Forest Service held the CCC men ready to rush to Wallowa if they were needed. The Enterprise fire engine truck broke down on the way here and was assisted by the forest truck.

Rapid work made it possible to remove considerable merchandise from both the hardware and Shell stores.

Neither Bruce Cox nor either of the Shells would comment as to their immediate plans as to rebuilding. They stated that they would be ready to resume business temporarily as soon as they could get quarters. Mr. Cox took an option on the Marvin building, and some of his merchandise was stored there as moved from the fire. Stanley Shell says he will have his grocery department ready within a week for temporary business. The Shell Mercantile Company has established business offices in the rear of the bank building.

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Wallowa Hardware Building Is Only Smoldering Mass Today

With approximately \$30,000 of merchandise on their shelves and in the warehouse, the Wallowa Hardware & Implement Company had perhaps the most complete hardware stock in Wallowa County. The store was the pride of the local citizens. Today it is a smoldering mass of ruins. The hardware store had a possible 75 percent insurance coverage. It is roughly estimated that the loss on the two companies will reach around \$35,000.

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Shell Mercantile Co. Store Completely Destroyed and Most Merchandise Burned

The fire Wednesday morning which reduced to ashes the Shell Mercantile Company store wiped out another landmark of the Wallowa Valley. The building occupied by the Shell Mercantile Company was erected in 1887 by the ICM&M [Island City Mercantile & Milling] Company, which operated branch stores in connection with their business at Island City, having branches at Hill Guard, Elgin, Enterprise, and Wallowa. Stanley Shell has operated the store with credit to himself from the time he assumed charge until he witnessed Wednesday morning the destruction of his store. There was possibly a 40 percent insurance coverage on the building, stock, and fixtures of the Shell Company holdings. "We are not prepared to say whether we will rebuild or not," was the reply of Stanley Shell as to his plans. "But we will continue to operate a store here and will announce our plans later."

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Telephones Put Out of Commission by Blaze Here

Fred Henning, manager of the West Coast Telephone Company, La Grande branch, rushed to Wallowa upon hearing of the fire. He left La Grande with a crew and proceeded to repair the wreck at the local telephone office. The linemen first devoted their attention to repairing the connections which were put out of order by fire and water.

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In Appreciation

We deeply appreciate the splendid work of the Wallowa Fire Department at the fire Wednesday morning and to the public who assisted in removing merchandise from our store to safety. We feel everything was done that was humanly possible to prevent a greater loss. To the Enterprise Fire Department and the U.S. Forest office who sent assistance, we are also grateful. — Wallowa Hardware Company, Shell Mercantile Company

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Two Girls Ride Bicycles from Enterprise to See Fire Ruins in Wallowa

Wednesday morning, among the hundreds who came to Wallowa to visit the ruins of the fire were two girls from Enterprise, who, having no other means of transportation, took their bicycles and came with all possible speed. They arrived in a more or less fatigued condition after making the journey in 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Ask the Wallowa History Center

FINDING GROSSMAN

Where in the world is Grossman? Everybody seems to know about it, but nobody can tell me where it is!

"In the northwestern corner of Wallowa County is a vaguely defined area—a knobby, thickly-timbered plateau, mazed with meadows and cut by deep canyons draining into the Grand Ronde River—that the locals refer to as 'the Grossman country.'"

— David Weaver, the Wallowa Quarterly (Summer 2022)

Ah, yes—Grossman. Known to many, located by few. But where exactly is it? When in doubt, goes the conventional wisdom, ask an old-timer. Here are some results of that wisdom:

"It's out in that Grossman country," one former Grossman resident patiently explained.

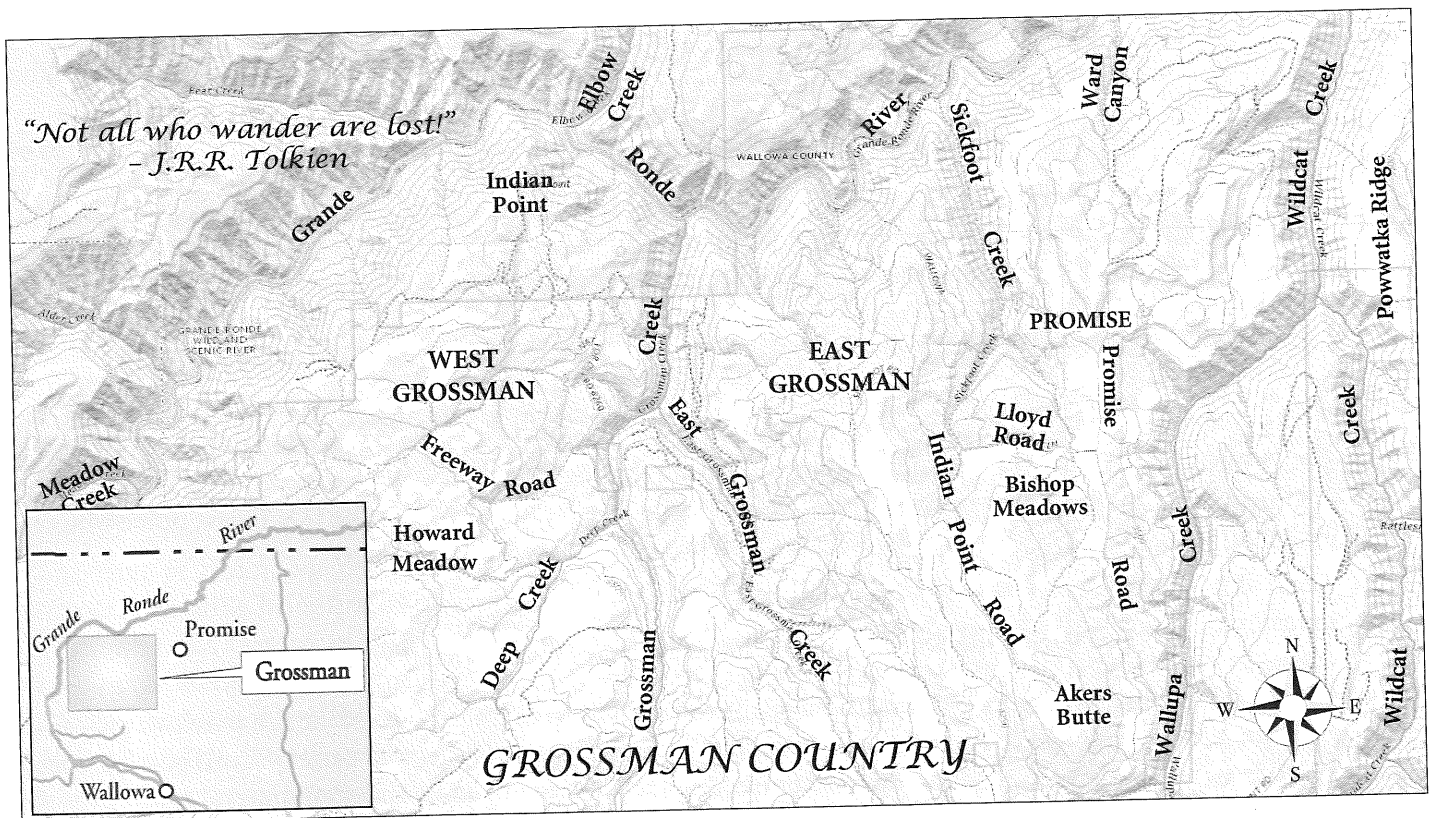
"It's near the Promise country," another said, "but not so far out. Not until you get there, anyway."

Then there are those who use vanished features as landmarks: "Go straight till you get to where the old mill used to be before it burned down, then turn left at the schoolhouse they tore down 40, maybe 50 years ago. Can't miss it."

Felled trees, overgrown roads, demolished barns, leveled cabins—all seem to make perfectly suitable road markers for steering someone toward Grossman. Add to this list the reference points that hold great meaning for those who experienced the events that occurred there, the places where

"Charlie's dog got stuck in the culvert!" or "My nephew got his first deer!" or "The mare stepped on a skunk!" Obviously, these people know the country so well—even better than they know the backs of their hands—that they figure you'll know Grossman once you're in it. But not before.

Still confused? Then let's pull out a map. As you can see, it's divided into two general areas: East and West Grossman, the dividing line being Grossman Creek, a tributary of the Grande Ronde River. (A bit confusing is that there is an East Grossman but not a West Grossman Creek.) Connecting these two areas are some decent gravel roads important for navigating the area: Promise, Lloyd, Freeway, Indian Point, etc. So if you have an adventurous spirit (and a full tank of gas) and you don't mind meandering—as almost any Hobbit can tell you: "Not all who wander are lost!"—then you, too, can locate Grossman. How will you know when you find it? Don't worry—you'll know once you're there.



EARLY IMNAHA

By Thomas Morgan

Adapted from the *Wallowa County Chieftain* (September 24, 1964)

Chieftain editor's note: The following is a copy of a manuscript written by Mr. Thomas Morgan, a former resident of the Imnaha country. In a note attached to the manuscript, Mr. Morgan states, "I hope that I have made it clear. I, myself, am on the wobbly side of life, 93."

In 1897 when my brother, Albert, and I moved into the upper Imnaha River country, known as the A.C. Smith Park, the land was all taken up by squatters' rights. There were 13 families there, one for every half-mile. We bought out the Mark Thompson place and later the Wm. Himelwright ranch. Land was cheap then—we gave Mark \$250 and Bill \$1,200.

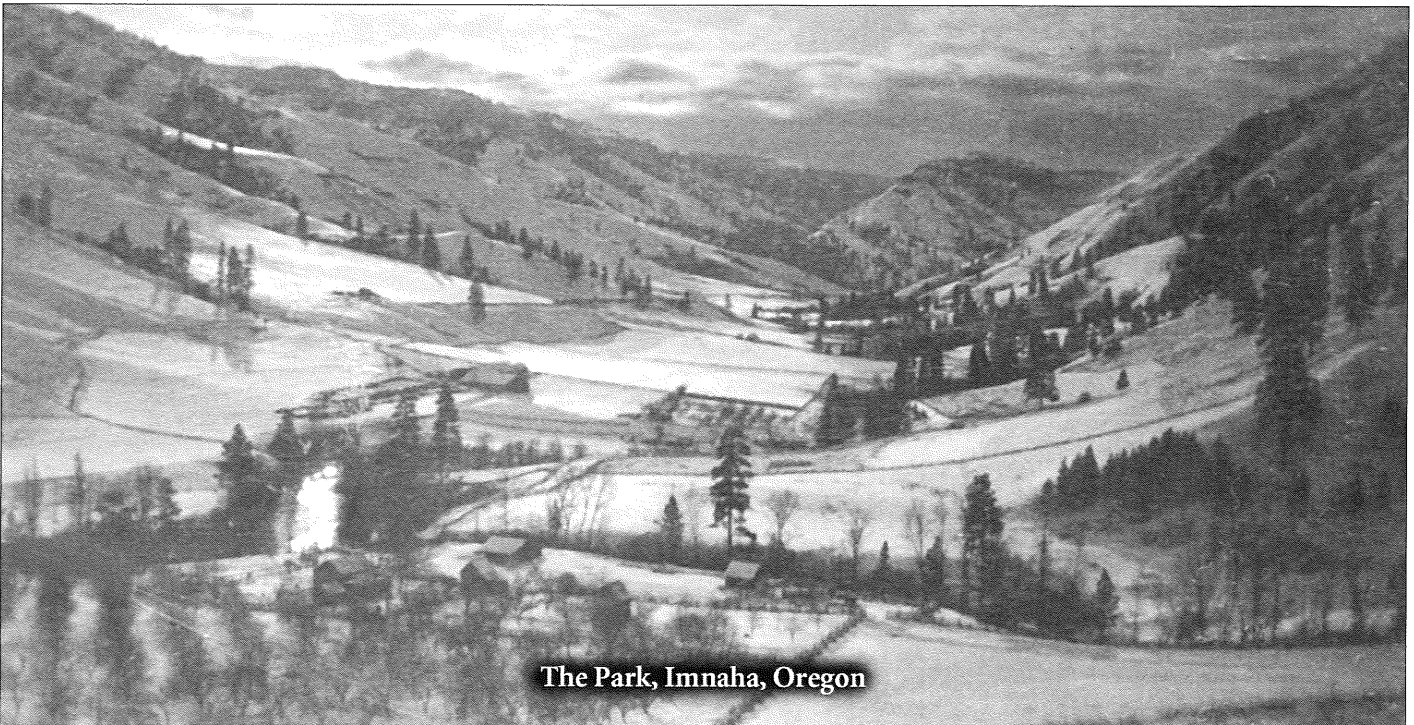
Mr. Thomas Franklin Rich, who had arrived in 1885, had already established a post office, which he named Fruita; also, he had set out a large orchard which was bearing, and Mr. Rich, although stricken in years, hauled his produce 55 miles over a rocky road out to the Wallowa Valley to market. About 1,000 pounds was all that a team could handle either way.

Mr. Rich was a great help to us and the neighborhood. When he got hold of our troubles it was quickly settled. He was born in 1838 in Massachusetts and grew to manhood in Wisconsin. With his family he went down into Kansas and put in a store for 20 years. The grasshoppers and droughts caused him great losses. So they heard of the Wallowa Valley and came in here in 1880 and put in a store on upper Prairie Creek east of where Joseph is now. Here some bad

luck struck. He had ordered a supply of store goods shipped to La Grande. He got Mr. Hepbern to go out after the goods. It was early spring, and roads were icy. On coming up the [Wallowa] canyon, the wagon slid off the road and into the river, and the goods were lost.

After a short move to Colorado, they came back to Wallowa and to the Imnaha. This move was a hard one. They went by way of Sheep Creek. There they had to take the wagon apart and make drags to haul their things up a hard sidehill for almost a mile, then reassemble the wagon and cross Marr Flat about seven miles and then take things apart again and drag them down about two miles to their new ranch at the mouth of Grouse Creek.

It was late and getting dark. Mrs. Rich (Sarah) was given some pigs to drive down the mountain. She got off the trail and fell over a bluff and broke her collarbone. She was found and lived a long life after this. They were on the Imnaha about 20 years, then moved to Joseph. This man and his family are typical of the great many of the noble characters who faced dangers and hardships unknown to the luxurious life of today.



The Park, Imnaha, Oregon

WALLOWA BASEBALL

The New Century (1902–1912)

“They’ll walk out to the bleachers, sit in shirtsleeves on a perfect afternoon, and they’ll watch the game and it’ll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters.” – James Earl Jones, Field of Dreams

It would be no exaggeration to say that near the turn of the 20th century, virtually every community in America that had a population of at least nine able-bodied men also fielded a baseball team. Wallowa was no exception. In fact, town-team baseball in Wallowa dates to before the city was incorporated (1899) or the county was formed (1887). But the natural rivalries among the valley’s four largest towns—Wallowa, Lostine, Enterprise, and Joseph—were only part of the reason for the game’s popularity. After all, attending a baseball game on a “leisurely afternoon of summer” provided the few unhurried hours that both players and spectators would know in a week filled with work, in a routine consisting of seemingly endless toil. It was time to play ball!

1902

Star Club

The star baseball club [Wallowa] under the management of J.P. Morelock is itching for a game with some other club. Now is the time for the Enterprise Baseball Club to get a reputation. – *Wallowa Chieftain* (April 10, 1902)

1903

Ball Club Organized

Sunday afternoon the members of the Wallowa Ball Club met and organized and from now on will put in their spare time in preparing for a successful season. Following is the personnel of the team. Pitchers: Howard O’Brien and

Thomas Wolfe, catcher: Edgar Marvin, first base: Chas. Hunter, second base: Edwin Marvin, third base: James Hayes, Jr., shortstop: Ray Johnson, left field: Henry Hickman, right field: Everett Berry, center field: Henry Meehan. C.A. Hunter, captain; O.M. Corkins, manager; Howard O’Brien, secretary and treasurer. – *The Wallowa News* (April 17, 1903)

1906

Sunday Baseball

The Wallowa baseball nine are listed to play Joseph on the grounds here on Sunday afternoon. Use your influence to have such sports set for Saturday afternoon, then the businessmen will be benefitted. – *The Wallowa News* (May 25, 1906)

1906

Hired Pitcher Departs

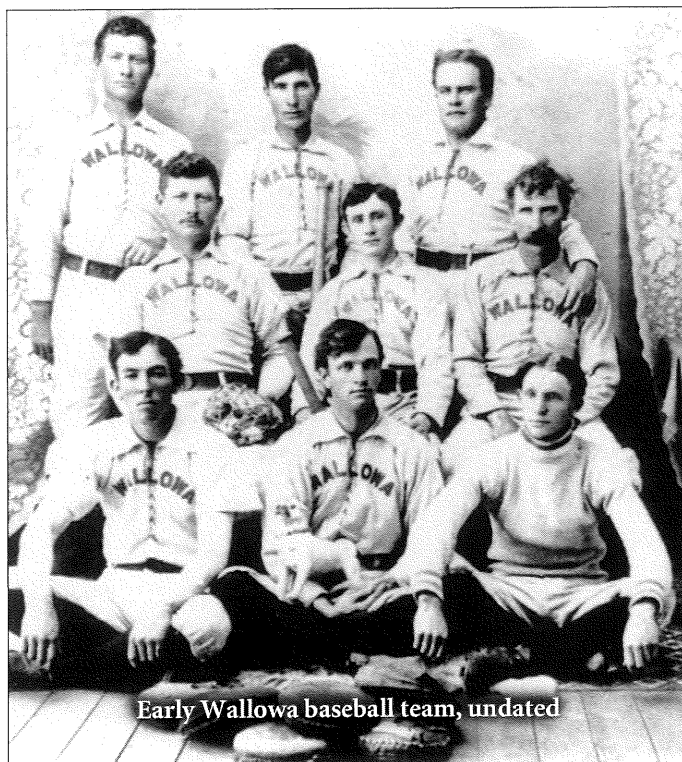
Summer is now here and heavyweights are going into tall timber for their vacation, but the hired pitcher of the Wallowa baseball nine departed for fields greener than those afforded him here. Citizens of Wallowa desire other people to treat them as they expect to be treated. Right wrongs nobody. – *The Wallowa News* (July 13, 1906)

1908

Baseball Grounds Sold

E.A. Holmes bought the ball grounds from the Wallowa Base Ball Association and sold it to E.A. Goodnough. Mr. Goodnough will probably plat the ground and sell it as residence lots. – *The Wallowa Sun* (February 18, 1908)

S.T. Combs on Friday purchased a half-acre tract in the sold ball grounds from E.A. Goodnough. Mr. Combs secured the half-acre where the grandstand stood. The consideration was \$275. This deal will settle considerable



Early Wallowa baseball team, undated

THE OLD BASEBALL GROUNDS were located south of downtown Main Street, on the slope leading toward Green Hill. The only clue to the field's specific location is this description: "The first ball park [is now] the Jessie Tulley and Dave Couch residences." – Marion Prince, "The Hereabouts of Wallowa in the Early Days" (1954)

speculation in regard to Mr. Combs' being eligible to the office of city councilman. A councilman must be a property owner in the city, and the property must be in his individual name.— *The Wallowa Sun* (March 24, 1908)

1908

Wallowa Second Team Wins

The second team of Wallowa baseball players won an exciting game from the Willow Springs aggregation Sunday afternoon to the startling score of 24 to 9. The game was full of errors and, while never close, was full of exciting situations. The lineup was as follows:

Pitcher: Myron Hayes, catcher: Ray McKenzie, first base: Glen Sherod, second base: Roland Maxwell, third base: Greenwood, shortstop: Bailey Maxwell, left field: Dougherty, right field: Goebel, center field: McClaran. Dick Maxwell was umpire. – *The Wallowa Sun* (May 19, 1908)

1908

New Baseball Grounds Sought

The Wallowa baseball team is in serious danger of falling to pieces on account of having no grounds. This would indeed be a calamity to the town, for by no other means can a town secure as good advertising as by a champion ball team.

The Wallowa boys have played excellent ball this season and have plainly shown that with a little practice they could easily be champions of the county and could prove decidedly interesting to some of the outside teams, even to league members.

Wallowa will hold the fair this fall, and it will be necessary to have grounds in shape. Whether these grounds be owned and improved by the fair association, or whether they are rented for the one season only, it will be necessary to have them soon. By doing a little advance work a few months early, we can have an excellent ball ground for the use of the baseball boys, and they will reward us by working out one of the best teams ever seen in the valley. This will ensure some interesting games for the fair week and will add greatly to the success of the fair. The boys have proven decidedly loyal to the town during the past few weeks. They have won more than half of the games they have played and have put up some excellent exhibitions of the national game.

Yet for all this they have received barely enough to pay the expenses of the visiting teams, and the necessary supplies have been provided at their own expense. The equipment of the team will have to be replaced soon. With a suitable ground where they can practice until they have good teamwork, and where they can derive the customary revenue from the games, the team will soon be able to put a balance in their treasury that will go a long way toward providing the necessary outfit. If the ground is provided, the season for baseball will scarcely be over when the football season arrives, and the football team can be reorganized and add another two months of clean amusement to the year's sports. – *The Wallowa Sun* (June 12, 1908)



Wallowa baseball team before a game with Lostine, c. 1902

In an age when dollar-a-day wages were common, baseball had expenses that cut deeply into a budget, even at the Sears-Roebuck end of the scale: 75 cents for a bat, \$1 or more for a ball, \$2 for a fielder's glove or catcher's mitt. This was a big reason that local teams had sponsors such as the Wallowa Base Ball Association, which furnished the team with everything from caps to socks, with the possible exception of fielders' gloves.

1908

Sunday Baseball

Rev. Phipps struck the keynote of Sunday baseball in this lecture Tuesday evening before the Sunday-school convention. "Don't condemn Sunday baseball," he said. "Encourage Saturday baseball. Give the boys something more attractive, and he will quit Sunday baseball. Win the real American boy through the real American game." Nothing could be more direct and to the point. — *The Wallowa Sun* (July 24, 1908)

1909

New Ball Park

The committee appointed by the [Wallowa] Booster Club raised the amount of ball park stock subscribed to \$970 in a short time last Thursday, and the grounds belonging to the Wallowa Lumber and Manufacturing Company [a fire destroyed the mill in September 1907] are now the property of the Wallowa Base Ball Association. More stock will be sold and the property properly improved. Fencing, a grandstand, and the grounds graded for football and baseball are among the improvements planned. — *The Wallowa Sun* (May 7, 1909)

1909

New Baseball Suits Arrive

The Wallowa baseball team has a full complement of new suits as well as other paraphernalia that goes to help the team on to victory. The suits arrived last Wednesday and consist of suits, caps, socks, and belts. In addition to these, they have a new catcher's mitt and some extra good bats. The suits are adorned with a winged W, and it is confidently expected that the wearers will fly straight to victory in all subsequent encounters. — *The Wallowa Sun* (July 16, 1909)

"Baseball is a red-blooded sport for red-blooded men. It's no pink tea, and mollycoddles had better stay out. It's a struggle for supremacy, survival of the fittest." — Ty Cobb

1909

New Suits Initiated

Sunday, the several and various devotees of the great national game played a game to a small but select assembly. The occasion was the idea that they could give the regular organization sundry pointers as to how the great moral game should be played, and they came mighty near making good.

The game was marked by brilliant playing on the part of both teams. But the particular star in the bright galaxy of notables who participated in the event and stands out feet foremost was the catch of a fly ball by Geo. Toddson Maxwell in the knothole field. This was accomplished unaided by him with his eyes closed and fingers crossed. This is not generally believed, but those who were present can vouch for the truth of the assertion.

E.A. Holmes umpired the game until the 10th or 15th inning, when he was carried from the field suffering from nervous exhaustion. The score was kept by McDaniel, Pipes, Hood, Wolfe, Cox, and Bill Spivots. Not that they were keeping it at the same time, but all took turns. The score, however, at the end of the 9th inning showed defeat for the astronomical observers of 5 to 4.

The new suits were worn for the first time by the Invincibles and presented a neat appearance. They are white, with the regulation baggy look. As the manufacturers neglected to furnish directions as to the manner of donning them, Manager Marvin, having no one to guide him, had one of his socks turned to the atmosphere when it should have been caressing his plump and beautiful calf.

A game is scheduled with Enterprise for next Sunday at that place, and a goodly number of aborigines from this city will witness the game. Excursion rates are being arranged. With the teams materially strengthened, this should be one of the best games of the season. — *The Wallowa Sun* (July 23, 1909)

1909

Baseball Practice

Wallowa's baseball team seems to have lost its winning streak and is taking a rest. Some people are wondering why, but if they would try to play ball themselves when they hadn't time to practice, they would readily see that the team cannot put up a creditable game when most of its members work six days a week in the harvest field. If Wallowa wants a good baseball team, the men must be given time to practice. Lack of practice has cost considerable interest in the game. — *The Wallowa Sun* (August 20, 1909)

Gathering at the River

By Mark Highberger

Adapted from "The Summer of 1909" (2009)

In the summer of 1909, the state of Oregon was 50 years old, the city of Wallowa was 10, and the town's new baseball field was brand spanking new. Just six weeks before the season's first game, the Wallowa Lumber and Manufacturing Company had sold the field to the Wallowa Booster Club that, in a single day, had raised almost two-thirds of the \$1,500 purchase price by selling stock in the Wallowa Base Ball Association.

"More stock will be sold and the property properly improved," *The Wallowa Sun* reported, noting these improvements would eventually include "fencing, a grand stand, and the grounds graded for football and baseball."

Until then, however, the crowd attending any of Wallowa's games made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in seating. "Every point of vantage where the bleachers ought to be," the *Sun* reported about the first home game of 1909, "was filled with a restless, excited crowd."

Wallowa's new field lay east of town, spread across what is now part of, or adjacent to, the Nez Perce Homeland site, a short walk or ride from the town's business district, which stretched for several blocks along both sides of Main Street and which included stores for shoes, watches, and hardware; shops for a butcher, baker, barber, blacksmith, and laundry; and offices for a doctor, dentist, telephone company, and two realtors. Meanwhile, many of the town's houses stood on lots that ran a block long from front to back, leaving enough space for a garden, a wood pile, a chicken coop, and even a milk cow. The only amenity it seemed to lack was shade.

"While this lively little town suffers from a lack of trees," Homer Clark wrote in 1898 while on a bicycle trip through Wallowa, "it has some nice buildings, including a fine public school, and seems to be doing lots of business."

With a population of just over 1,000, about one-fourth of whom lived in town, Wallowa in 1909 could already boast of an electric plant and water works, a newspaper and jail, telephone poles and plank sidewalks (from which horses and mules were forbidden). The town had even seen the arrival of its first resident-owned automobile, a five-passenger Studebaker. On top of that, the city had a steady supply of water from the Wallowa River and a share of the county's 45.5 miles of telegraph and telephone lines. Main Street's street lights were even kept on until midnight.

The community appeared strong enough that Portland's *Oregonian* newspaper reported that everyone in these parts was doing just fine "financially, educationally, socially, and morally," and that "It is doubtful if a people more justly better satisfied with themselves and things in general can be found." Furthermore, the newspaper reported, in the entire county "Only four persons have been found worthy of the penitentiary, no one has been sent to the lunatic asylum, and the two or three attempts at suicide were not successful."

Wallowa was a community of homesteaders, farmers, and stockmen so independent and self-sufficient that they shopped in town only for what they could not grow, raise, or make themselves. Labor filled their days, and money was hard to come by.

"By today's standards I suppose we were poor, but we never thought of it," said a Wallowa homesteader. "Most of our friends or neighbors lived about the same."

Sixty-hour weeks and dollar-a-day wages were common for men. (Women, of course, worked harder and longer at home for no pay at all.) But on summer Sunday afternoons, there was more than toil and the fatigue that went with it—there was baseball.

And so on summer Sundays in the first decade of the new century, they gathered at the river on the edge of Wallowa, on a new field carved from a mill yard and bordered by a railroad track. Here they spread their blankets, unpacked their picnic lunches, and visited with the people they had known through most of the years of their lives, as they waited for the umpire's clarion call to "Play ball!"

While they waited, had they turned their eyes toward the outfield and the cottonwoods and willows lining the banks of the Wallowa River on the eastern edge of town, they could have caught a glimpse of their young city's flour mill, creamery, and bandstand. These were more reasons that here, enclosed by the hills and mountains that bordered the valley and surrounded the town they called home, the future looked bright.



1911

Eastern Oregon Baseball League

Elgin, La Grande, Union, and Baker have gone into an organization to be known as the Eastern Oregon Baseball League. They will play a schedule of about 18 games each. This will probably restrict baseball in this city [Enterprise] to games with valley town clubs. — *Enterprise News Record* (April 5, 1911)

1911

Sunday Baseball a Menace

In his sermon, "Little Sins and Their Dangers," Rev. Johns last Sunday night classed as one of the dangerous little sins the playing and attendance of Sunday baseball games.

His conclusions are logical, his remedy would be excellent if local conditions made it practical, and the stand that the pastor takes would doubtless be the stand of every man in Wallowa if he viewed it from the standpoint of the minister.

Sunday baseball is a question that must be settled by each person for himself.

For ourselves, whenever the remedy for Sunday baseball is tangible and practical and ensures that greater evil influences will not surround the young in its stead, the *Sun* stands ready to work hand and head to do away with it, but until such a remedy is assured—until the boys will seek higher and not lower forms of pastime—the *Sun* cannot join in the fight against Sunday baseball.

We are ready, however, to give hearty support to any measure that will tend to bring about conditions that will enable us to have baseball on weekdays and the better things on the Sabbath.

Rev. Johns has struck the keynote of a higher plane of living, and we stand ready to assist in any effort to replace Sunday baseball with something better, but not to abolish it and take the inevitable consequences of present conditions. — *The Wallowa Sun* (July 14, 1911)

What made the Eastern Oregon and the Branch Line leagues possible was the arrival of the train in Wallowa in the fall of 1908. After that, starting with the 1909 season, players and fans alike could travel long distances in a relatively short time. For instance, the three-day trip from Wallowa to La Grande by horse, buggy, or wagon was reduced to several hours by train. Now on game days, anyone could get onboard in the morning, watch the game in the afternoon, and return home that evening.

1912

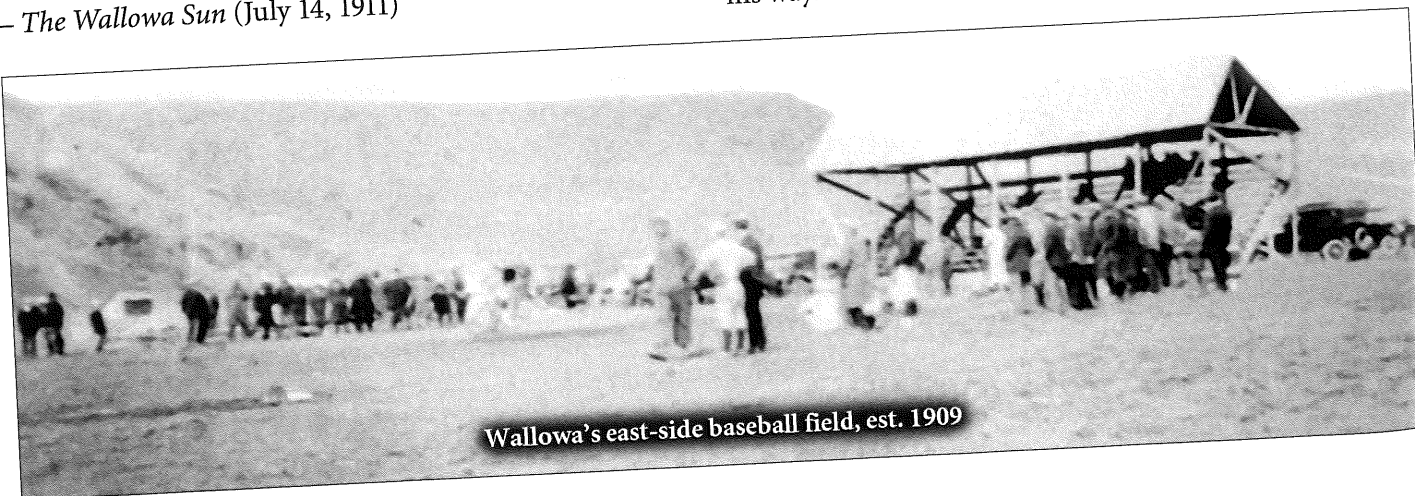
Branch Line Baseball League

The Branch Line Baseball League was organized in Elgin Sunday afternoon, consisting of the towns of Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise, and Joseph. There will be six games played at each of the towns. Morelock of Wallowa was elected president of the league, and S.L. Burnaugh of Enterprise, secretary. A meeting of the ball players was held in the council rooms Tuesday evening, and Edwin Marvin was elected manager of the home team and is now busy lining up his players for the coming season. The first games will be played Sunday, May 5 with Wallowa at Elgin and Joseph at Enterprise. The division of gate receipts in all games shall be as follows: 10 percent shall be deducted for the management of the home team, the balance to be divided 60 percent to the winning team and 40 percent to the loser, with expenses guaranteed to the visiting team for 11 men. All games in this league shall be under *Spalding's Baseball Rules*. — *The Wallowa Sun* (April 26, 1912)

1912

Roofing the Grand Stand

The Base Ball Association this week has roofed the grand stand at the ball park. The wire fence along the right of way will be moved back several feet. This will give the first baseman a better chance to get any balls that may come his way. — *The Wallowa Sun* (May 24, 1912)



Wallowa's east-side baseball field, est. 1909

Getting There

Baseball Travel in the Age of the Automobile

Adapted from the *Enterprise Record Chieftain* (June 5, 1913)

At the Decoration Day [Memorial Day] game in Wallowa last Friday, Enterprise put up a very ragged style of baseball while the opposing team was on its mettle, and Enterprise received its first defeat of the season at the hands of Wallowa by the score of 11 to 5. . . On Sunday, Enterprise came back strong and won over La Grande 8 to 3. The Enterprise team made the trip to La Grande and back in automobiles, and the men will be telling about it the rest of the year.

They got away from Enterprise at 5 a.m. and had no trouble until a mile below Wallowa, where the river had overflowed into the road. F. I. Vergere, driving the first car, hired an expressman to haul his machine through a stretch of uncertain, water-covered road. The driver looped his chain on in such a manner as to bend a bar, and some time was lost getting it in order again. Henry Bauer followed through the water, driving his car with its own power. The trip over the rough hill and canyon roads was made successfully.

On the return, the party got to the overflowed road below Wallowa, but did not dare tackle this in the cars. A panel of a rail fence was torn down and the machine started through the fields. Mr. Bauer's car mired. The other machine pulled it out after the men had failed to budge it by hand power. A little farther on, the fence was torn down a second time and the cars pulled back into the road. They did not stop at once, and the ball players either had to wade to them or to cross an overflowed stretch by working their way along a barbed wire fence.

Some of the men took off their shoes, rolled up their trousers, and splashed in. C.G. Bilyeu [Enterprise's ace pitcher] was averse to getting into the cold water and tried the barbed wire route. He got caught halfway over, and Mr. Vergere waded to him, picked him off [the fence], and carried him to the car with the help of sympathetic friends who kept prodding the passenger.

The machines went on their way until they reached the bridge over the river at Sam Wade's ranch. The approaches were washed out, and the cars had to turn up the river road. When they were halfway to Enterprise, they ran into water so deep that the engine in Mr. Vergere's machine was flooded, putting it out of commission. Mr. Bauer hitched on to it and pulled it into town, arriving here a little before 3 o'clock Monday morning.

The Wallowa team also had automobile troubles coming back, but so near home that it did not matter.

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Baseball Timeline: The New Century

1901 American League established as second Major League.

1903 First World Series held between National and American leagues.

1908 Wallowa team loses baseball grounds to real estate development.

First train arrives in Wallowa County.

1909 Wallowa gets new baseball grounds on east side of town, across Wallowa River.

Eastern Oregon Baseball League forms with 10 teams from Wallowa and Union counties—Wallowa, Lostine, Enterprise, Joseph, La Grande, Baker City, Huntington, Elgin, Union, and Cove.

First baseball train excursion in county carries spectators and players from Enterprise to Elgin for game..

1911 Another Eastern Oregon Baseball League forms with teams from four Union County teams—Elgin, La Grande, Union, and Baker.

1912 Branch Line Baseball League forms with teams from Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise, Joseph.

Wallowa builds roof over grandstand at ball park.

WALLOWA'S MASTER BUILDER

John Langmo (1860–1921)

From *The Wallowa Sun* (1911–1921)

“Mr. John Langmo, the carpenter...was very particular as a builder. If it wasn't square or level, it was torn out and re-done.”

– *Wallowa County Centennial Walking Tour—Wallowa, Oregon* (1987)



John Langmo

*H*is craftsmanship made front page news, and his skills as a home builder and cabinetmaker made him a local celebrity in early-20th century Wallowa. His name was John Langmo, and the houses and buildings he constructed more than a century ago “remain square and true to this day.” Born in Norway in 1860, John Langmo immigrated to the U.S. in 1882 and worked as a carpenter in South Dakota and Nebraska; he married Martha Larsen in 1889, but by 1910 they were divorced, and he was boarding at the Wallowa home of J.C. and Bessie Baird while working as a carpenter and contractor. He and his work first appeared in the local newspaper in 1911, and for the next 10 years he continued to win “unbounded praise” for his skill. Even 20 years after his death, *The Wallowa Sun* noted the anniversary of his passing. After all, even though the man was gone, his work remained

- 1911 Work was resumed on the Couch & McDonald building this week. John Langmo will do the wood finishing. (June 9, 1911)
- 1912 Couch & McDonald sold 20 acres to John Langmo, the contractor and builder. John thinks he may some of these days become a farmer. (February 16, 1912)
- 1913 The home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O'Brien, which has just been remodeled by John Langmo and a force of workmen, is now one of the finest and most modern homes in eastern Oregon. (May 1, 1913)
- 1914 A truly wonderful change has taken place in the Wallowa post office, and Wallowa can lay claim to having one of the most attractive post offices in the state. Nowhere is the office surpassed in modern appointments and attractive appearance. John Langmo of Wallowa has made all the new fixtures and is installing them. Both Mr. Langmo and Postmaster Morelock are receiving many congratulations upon the appearance of the office. (March 5, 1914)
- 1914 With the completion of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Wigglesworth in the Riverside Addition, Wallowa lays claim to having within its borders one of the most modern dwellings it is possible to build. John Langmo, the designer and contractor, is receiving the unbounded praise of the many who have visited the new structure and have examined the cabinet work and interior finish. All of the cabinet work is constructed without the use of nails, glue being used instead, and is made from the clearest and finest of lumber. (October 1, 1914)
- 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hauprich moved into their new cottage on Storie Street Monday. It is one of the finest-finished, most-modern cottages in the city. The arch and columns separating rooms are all handmade, glued and pegged—there not being a nail used in the construction. John Langmo, the contractor, drew the plans for this beautiful cottage, and other architects who have looked the house over say it is one of the best proportioned homes they have seen. Mr. and Mrs. Hauprich may well feel proud of their new home—likewise John Langmo, for when he finishes a job, one can rest assured that it is done correctly and will not have to be done over. (July 8, 1915)
- 1915 John Langmo has just finished the remodeling and building on new porches to the A.E. Tulley residence. The dining and living rooms are being remodeled out of three rooms formerly, with new oak floors, the finest in the city. (September 2, 1915)

1916 John Langmo has just finished a handsome buffet for Mrs. H.K. O'Brien. It is all handwork and stands about 7 feet high, 18 inches deep by 72 inches long. The buffet is well-arranged and is a handsome piece of furniture. (March 30, 1916)

1916 John Langmo has just about finished the work on C.A. Hunter's residence. The upstairs, heretofore unfinished, has been divided into six rooms. The feature of these rooms is their large and comfortable size. (June 1, 1916)

1917 R.J. Brund has bought the John Langmo residence on Storie Street and has moved with his family into their new home. This is one of the most up-to-date and modern homes in the city, Mr. Langmo having built the house for his own home and finished it about right. When Mr. Langmo does a job, you may know it is done right, as he is one of the best cabinetmakers in the Northwest. (July 5, 1917)

1918 John Langmo, the architect and builder of the J.C. Baird house, practically did all the work alone, only having help on putting up the frame and shingling the roof. It is like the other houses that Mr. Langmo has built in Wallowa and other places where he has done the major part of the work himself—it is done right. Every joint and every corner fits just as though it had grown together. Not only being a carpenter, Mr. Langmo is a first-class cabinet worker, and when he finishes a piece of work, it is done right. Mr. Baird was fortunate in having Mr. Langmo build his home for him. (September 26, 1918)

1919 G.S. Loyd will open a cleaning and pressing shop in the building formerly used by John Langmo as a carpenter shop, just east of the telephone office. (October 16, 1919)

1920 John Langmo, the contractor and builder and one of the best cabinet workers in the Pacific Northwest who has resided in Wallowa for the past 12 or 15 years, left today for Los Angeles, California, where he expects to locate and make his home. Mr. Langmo has during his stay in Wallowa built most of the fine homes and especially those which have built-in furniture, which he was a master mechanic in building. His many Wallowa friends wish him success and good health in his new location, and hope sometime that he will come back to Wallowa, if only for a visit. (September 30, 1920)



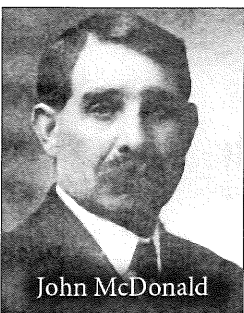
1921 Word was received Saturday of the death of one of our former citizens, John Langmo, after a brief illness of four weeks. Briefly and concisely the facts were given [about his death.] But in the hearts of the Wallowa people, who remember John so well, a much enlarged statement is made. All around our town, people point with pride to the specimens of his handiwork, as he was a master builder. What he did was done, and behind it was the guarantee of sturdy honesty that one knew it would not have to be done over. We realize the influence of such a life lives on long after the person has gone from our midst. (May 5, 1921)

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1906

McDonald Addition

From *The Wallowa News* (June 29, 1906)



John McDonald is beginning work on the platting of about 60 acres of good land adjoining the townsite of Wallowa on the west. This will make an ideal residence addition to the town as evidenced by a large list of applications already in for lots. The price on these lots will not be excessive as Mr. McDonald believes in the old saying, "Live and let live."

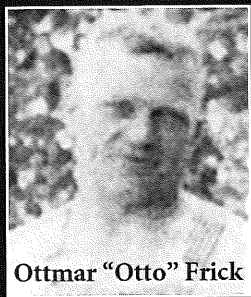
Wallowa Then & Now

FRICK'S BAKERY (1914-1950)

1911 Adam Beck of Island City purchased the house and lots north and across the street from the Methodist church. – *The Wallowa Sun* (December 1, 1911)

1912 A new city bakery will be opened by Adam Beck. The establishment will be located across the street west of the Stuttaford Hotel, and will carry a full line of pastry and confectionery. Mr. Beck has purchased the property upon which the bakery will be located and is now erecting a building for it. – *The Wallowa Sun* (May 3, 1912)

1913 Adam Beck has closed the City Bakery and moved to his homestead near Enterprise. – *Enterprise Record Chieftain* (October 30, 1913)



Ottmar "Otto" Frick

1914 Bakery under new management. **We have a complete line of cookies, candies, cakes, pies, and bread. We guarantee satisfaction and invite you to call and inspect our new establishment. Give us a trial and we will please you. O. Frick, Proprietor.** – *The Wallowa Sun* (July 30, 1914)

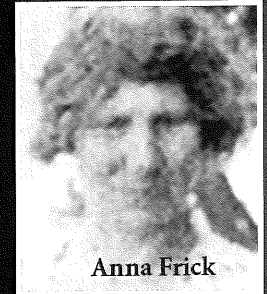
1915 On the 29th day of December 1915, Adam Beck was duly adjudicated bankrupt. – *The Wallowa Sun* (January 13, 1916)

1942 After 28 years as Wallowa's baker, Ottmar Frick is retiring because of ill health. His retirement will be regretted, as his delicious bread was a favorite among the housewives of Wallowa. – *Enterprise Chieftain* (April 2, 1942)

1942 Ottmar Frick (1883-1942) passed away at his Wallowa home after an illness of many months. Mr. Frick was born in Germany and was 59 years old. He came to the United States as a young man and lived in and near New York City, and while there he married Anna Bucher. He located in Wallowa about 28 years ago [1914]. Mr. Frick was a friendly, kindly man, industrious and thrifty. All business houses in Wallowa were closed during the services. – *Enterprise Chieftain* (May 7, 1942) and *The Wallowa Sun* (May 14, 1942).

1950 Mrs. Anna Frick (1880-1950) of Wallowa passed away at Wallowa Memorial Hospital after an illness of about five weeks. Anna was born in Germany. She came to this country in 1913, and in June of that year was married to

Ottmar Frick. They moved almost immediately to Wallowa, where she has since made her home. At the time of her passing, Mrs. Frick was owner and proprietor of the Wallowa bakery. – *Wallowa County Chieftain* (June 22, 1950)



Anna Frick

1951 Real and personal property of the estate of Mrs. Anna Frick was sold at auction last Saturday. The Frick home and store building and the four lots on which it stands were sold at the courthouse steps in Enterprise. The public sale of this property came about as the result of a suit brought by the heirs. – *The Wallowa Record* (October 11, 1951)

1952 Saturday was moving day in Wallowa as Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Southwick moved into the former Frick Bakery building and will conduct a store for school supplies, candies, and ice cream. – *Wallowa County Chieftain* (October 16, 1952)

1955 The former Frick Bakery at Wallowa will be re-opened Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Layton Jeffers. It will be known as the Wallowa Bakery. An open house will be held Saturday all day with free coffee and donuts. **Everyone is invited to see the new facilities.** – *Wallowa County Chieftain* (September 8, 1955)

1955 OPEN HOUSE DRAWS CROWD Over 300 folks visited the Wallowa Bakery on its opening day. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers have done a very tasteful job of rehabilitating the bakery sales room at the former Frick's Bakery location on Main Street at the corner of the school grounds. – *Wallowa Record* (September 15, 1955)



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