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A bit of quiet contemplation of the approaching development of the upper valley as recreation area that will draw tourists from all parts of the country is an interesting hobby for this writer. Our thoughts run far ahead of these now just building logging roads, dams and normal developments based on commercial value. The logging roads become driveways for people who wish to see some of the country now hours away by trail. The dam provides a lake that will be the envy of the state for accessibility and rugged beauty. All that it will take is a little imagination to realize great benefits from the things we now take as a matter of livelihood. In the Baker district two things have occurred to use that seem to have slipped past the planners so far – one is the acquisition of the old Lake Shannon logging road by the county as an alternate route to Baker lake via the new Baker dam. Another is the fact that the formerly deep and cold Baker lake, which only the hardy found suitable for swimming, will soon have many acres of comparatively shallow water that will conceivably warm up. It's shoreline is well marked and there must be a number of places where a few well-placed truck loads of sand would make fine bathing beaches. These things should not be overlooked. A public resort, the splendid opportunities for horseback trail trips, the many beautiful mountain lakes and streams, the undeveloped hot spring, winter sports all will reach a point of decision in time. Discovery of our assets by those us who live here should come first.