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Dear Everett,

You wrote a condensed history of the Camas Prairie and, about three years ago when I first came to the CP offices, kindly gave me a copy of it. So I wonder if you can help me out some? (Please excuse my awful typing!)

It concerns the railroads in and around Ayer to Riparia. I've been searching for the information but so far cannot seem to find it.

I have the OR&N Co. pinned down all right but am vague about the (then) Northern Pacific.

Where in that area did NP tracks go? Did they at one time cross the Snake, or at least extend north up and out of the Snake River valley? I know the present UP has some track left going up out of Riparia north; they had a lot of box cars parked on that track. And, since re-alignment caused by the dams along the Snake, the UP crosses from west of Riparia south across the Snake on a new bridge to reach Ayer Junction. But wasn't the NP in that area somewhere too in the early days?

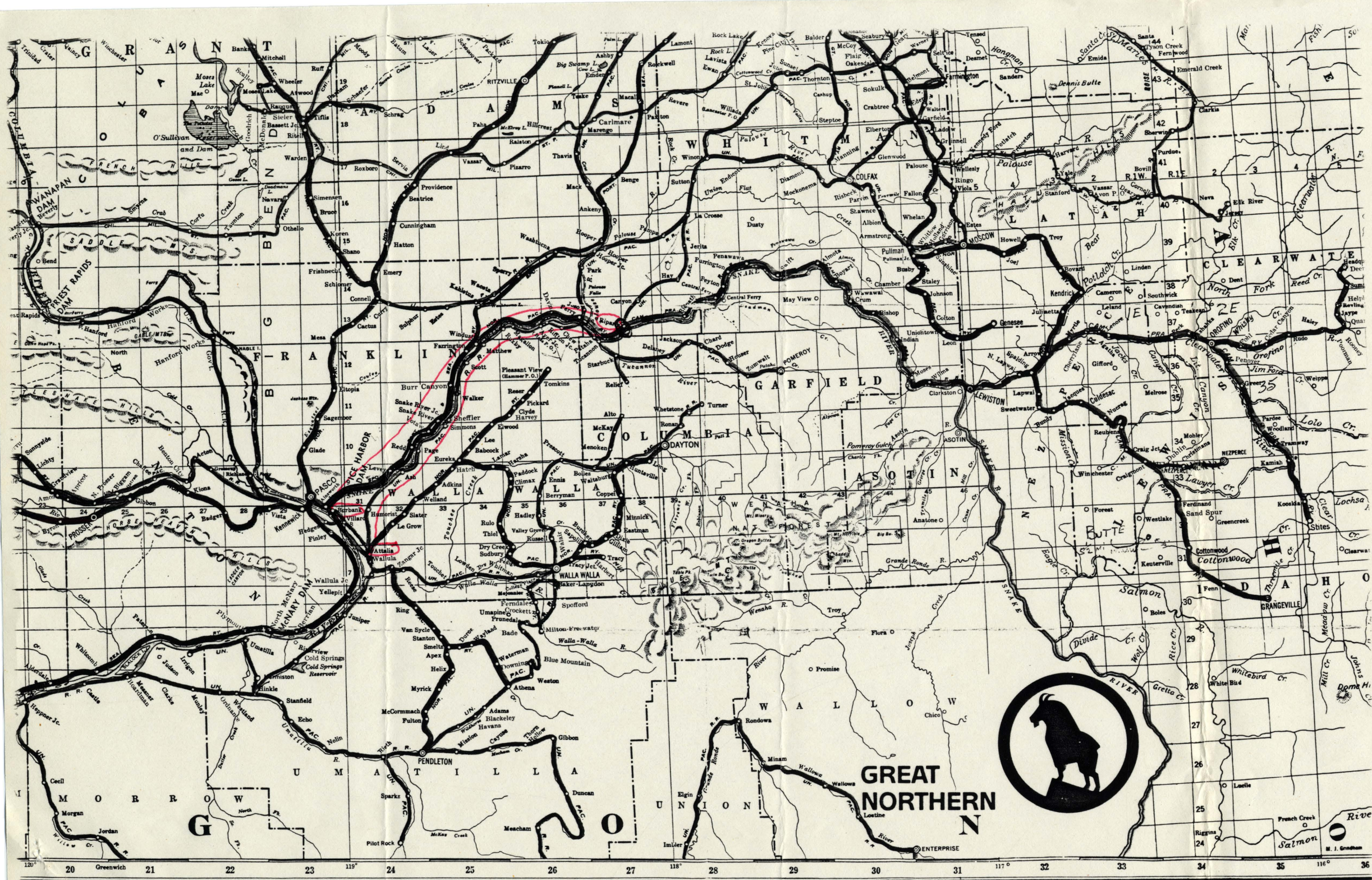
If they were, would you know where, and when their tracks were built and when pulled up?

Everet Watson and I went down to the north end of the bridge at Lewiston this last summer and he took a fine night photo of the UP train going west to Ayer. I'm tickled over this shot; while it's about like any other train it is, as far as I know, the only time it has been photographed because it always moves at night. I hope people who read the book will feel as I do about the picture.

Sincerely,

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N.P.
Burbank/
Riparian
remnants
around 1974/75
See Popham
letter
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Annexed
N.P. uses
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