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Railroad access to Camas Prairie, involving a line from Lewiston to Grangeville, took most of four years to complete. Tunnels and trestles overcame major barriers after Northern Pacific and Union Pacific builders engaged in a combined venture finally incorporated as a joint Camas Prairie Railroad. Union Pacific authorities were responsible for construction of long, high trestles across Lawyer's Canyon. Most of them were of log construction, but one metal trestle (296 feet high) spans that obstacle's longest distance. These still are visible to travelers on U.S. 95 between Ferdinand and Craigmont. Camas Prairie Railroad service finally reached Grangeville, December 9, 1908.

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