

NORTHPOWDER IS CENTER OF RICH FARMING DISTRICT

Much Wheat Grown Near
Thriving Town Near
Edge of County

LUMBERING ALSO
IS BIG INDUSTRY

Ice Company Is Listed
Among Largest Estab-
lishments—Outlook for
Future Growth Rosy

Along the southern boundary of Union county lies a narrow strip of land, the only section of the county not in the Grande Ronde river watershed. Comprising many thousands of acres of picturesque wooded mountains, rolling hills and fertile valley lands, this area constitutes a beautiful inland empire.

The land industries of this section of Union county, which centers around the town of North Powder, are agriculture and lumbering, the latter activity furnishing a steady payroll. Two sawmills and a planer are in constant operation during the summer.

Much Wheat Grown
Growing of wheat is extensively carried on, 55 per cent of the farms being devoted to this grain of which the average yield is 25 to 35 bushels per acre. Oats and barley share in the grain acreage, market conditions and necessity for crop rotation determining their proportions.

Numerous streams, fed by melting snows from the high mountains, insure abundance of water for irrigation throughout the season. Crop failures are unknown. The success of this method of irrigation used in the section may be seen by traveler and tourist. The vast acres of wheat, oats, barley and hay (the alfalfa being equal to any produced in Eastern Oregon) show the region to be alive with possibilities for the prospective settler.

Livestock Raising
Successful livestock raising is another great asset in this vicinity—fortunate as it is in possessing an abundance of feed, good markets, plenty of water and a long growing season.

The dairy industry tends to fit in with the general farming operations in this section. There is abundance of fine quality alfalfa from which butterfat can be produced comparatively cheap. Many herds of cattle wintering on this feed alone. Holstein and Jersey predominate and with the use of good feeds increasing rapidly. The success of the dairy business is assured.

This beautiful inland empire is

ATTRACTIVE COVE HOME



The above cut of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson at Cove does not give an adequate idea of the attractiveness of the Anderson place. A new pergola has recently been built at the left side of the house.

served by the city of North Powder, which is centrally located to take care of the trade needs of this thriving community.

North Powder is located on the main line of the Union Pacific railway and the Old Oregon Trail highway, being the only town in Eastern Oregon on the exact line of travel used by the old pioneers when coming to the great west.

Municipal Plant
With its own municipal plant, North Powder is supplied with the purest water for domestic and commercial purposes.

Building activities have been active of late and more are in prospect. During 1926 building permits totalled \$25,000 and this year the figure is already at \$15,000. One large elevator was erected this year.

A large sawmill during 1926 and 1927 cut 25,000 feet of lumber and gave employment to 25 men.

Excellent schools with fine buildings, including a full four-year high school, ensure the best of the educational requirements of this community. North Powder also has a substantial bank and churches as well as several lodges.

The ice business is a big one at North Powder. Two hundred twenty-five cars were shipped out last year, full of ice, and 17,000 Pacific fruit express cars were loaded in transit. The ice payroll is \$20,000 annually.

The huge ice plant will store 11,000 tons each winter and it ships about 2,000 tons to various G-W main line points. During the season 700 to 800 cars of fruit, meats, etc., mostly on eastbound trains, are loaded. The pond covers 31 acres and it always gets an ice crop, according to H. V. White, agent since 1914. With the ice company on the main line the most perishable products can be shipped across the continent by being loaded at this point.

Incidentally, the 1925 shipments from North Powder were shown to include 175 cars of livestock, 15 of which went to Chicago, value of \$352,000; 124 cars of grain, value of \$250,000; 22 cars of hay, wool and

other products. Eighty-seven cars of lumber worth \$175,000 were shipped out.

North Powder, with a population of more than 500 persons, is growing steadily and its prosperity is like other towns and cities in Union and Walla Walla counties each year.

FARMERS TOLD TO PUT PRICE ON THEIR TIME

ITHACA, N. Y. (AP)—Most farmers should value their time at one-half cent per minute, according to Dr. George F. Warren, director of the farm management department of the New York state college of agriculture. "Probably no other single mistake on the part of Americans, and especially American farmers, causes as much loss as how long it takes to do a job," Dr. Warren asserts. "Some farmers now spend a dollar's worth of time saving a half dollar's worth of goods. One can't afford to spend ten dollars' worth of time repairing an old machine that is not worth ten dollars after the job is done."

PICTURESQUE RHETORIC WANT NEW ART STYLES

PAIDM. CAT)—Picturesque old British furniture, especially carved and dark with age and much waxing, does not please the modern Briton.

Artists, decorators, manufacturers and workmen of that region have organized a competition to evolve new styles and designs, inspired by the trend of the modern movement.

Their old costumes and quaint head dresses may be used in the sketches submitted, by anything that favors of the recognized British furniture, known to all antique collectors, is barred.

AIRPLANES ROUT LOCUSTS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—A signal victory on the "locust front" is reported by the aerial expedition in charge of ridding Soviet farms of the pest. A total area of 324,000 acres are said to have been cleared of locusts by spraying from airplanes.

County's Progress Since Settlement In 1861 Remarkable

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From an industrial standpoint the county is well advanced along the lines of lumbering, flouring, milling, and some others but many more steps in advancement are contemplated, including the building of a debarking plant, cannery, saw and door factory and many others. In another part of this special edition the story of the industry is told in detail.

Climate, Union county seems to have received very special favors. The air is unusually stimulating and healthful, the nights being cool and refreshing throughout the year. Here summers are unknown and cold waves are infrequent. There is an abundance of sunshine and in many places the chinook winds frequently descend some the southern slopes in the winter months and cause short periods of high temperatures. Tornadoes and cyclones are unknown.

The average rainfall over a period of 10 years is 20 inches and the mean temperature over the same period 44.5 with a mean maximum temperature of only 68. The average growing season is 102 days and the average date of the last killing frost is April 24. The average date of the first killing frost is Oct. 2.

There are 25 organized school districts in Union county employing more than 350 classroom teachers and nearly 100 high school teachers to the six high schools. An interesting feature was the per cent of attendance in a recent year which was 81.5 in the grades and 95.1 in the high schools.

In addition to the grade and high schools, the Eastern Oregon Normal school is to be located in La Grande and a business college is also operating in that city. It has 12 Protestant and one Catholic churches. A high school four grammar schools, an academy and a business college furnish educational facilities. There are prominent banks, two newspapers, a daily, a large dairy, a cinematograph, daily, and two weekly newspapers, two creameries, two bakeries, a bottling works, marble works, two iron-

drills, a brick plant, cabinet works, wholesale grocery, wholesale fruit and produce, flour mills, railroad shops, meat packing plant and other industries are growing constantly in size and scope.

Towns in the county follow:
Albion—Churches, one Protestant, Transportation, La Grande, Joseph branch of U. P. system, La Grande-Walla Walla Lake highway, Schools, one grade school, Industries, grain elevators, grain warehouses.

Cove—Population 400 (city limits adjoining thickly populated section). Churches, four Protestant, Schools, one high school, one grade school, Industries, planing mill, flour mill, box factory, fruit packing houses.

Elgin—Population 1,120. Churches, four Protestant, Transportation, U. P. system, La Grande-Walla Walla Lake highway, Schools, one high school, one grade school, Industries, planing mill, flour mill, grain elevator, meat packing warehouse, cream station, weekly newspaper, bank.

Harvard—Transportation, U. P. system, Old Oregon Trail highway, Schools, one grade school, Industries, planing mill, flour mill, grain elevator, meat packing warehouse, cream station, weekly newspaper, bank.

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Island City—Population 150. Churches, one Protestant, Transportation, U. P. system, La Grande-Walla Walla Lake highway, Schools, one grade school, Industries, planing mill, flour mill, concrete pipe factory, grain elevator, grain warehouses.

Kamela—Transportation, U. P. system, Old Oregon Trail highway, Schools, one grade school, Industries, planing mill, flour mill, grain elevator, meat packing warehouse, cream station, weekly newspaper, bank.

North Powder—Population 608. Churches, one Protestant, one Catholic, Transportation, U. P. system, Old Oregon Trail highway, Schools, one high school, one grade school, Industries, planing mill, flour mill, grain elevator, meat packing warehouse, cream station, weekly newspaper, bank.

Parry—Church, one Protestant, Transportation, U. P. system, Old Oregon Trail highway, Schools, one grade school, Industries, planing mill, flour mill, grain elevator, meat packing warehouse, cream station, weekly newspaper, bank.

Summerville—Church, one Protestant, Schools, one grade school, Union—Population 3,100 (estimated 1926). Churches, five Protestant, one Catholic, Transportation, Oregon Trail highway, Union to Union junction railroad, Schools, one high school, three grade schools, Banks, one, Industries, flour mill, cheese factory, fruit packing plants, weekly newspaper, cream stations, bakery, experimental station, state fish hatchery.

Hot Lake—Home of Hot Lake sanitarium, Transportation, U. P. system, Old Oregon Trail highway, Schools, one grade school, Industries, large sawmill.

Pondosa—Population 200. Schools, one grade school, Industries, large sawmill.

Starkey—School, one grade school, Medical Springs—School, one grade school, Telocaster—School, one grade school, Transportation, U. P. system, near Old Oregon Trail highway.

PONDOSA BUSINESS SECTION



A view of the business section of Pondosa looking down from the mill. The first building is the store, the store proper occupying the center section and the two wings accommodating the offices on the left, as you look at the picture, and the meat market on the right. Beyond the store is the hotel and boarding house which are not yet completed. The new dwelling beyond is one of three being constructed for different merchants and officials.



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The secret of greater progress for the Northwest, of more settlers and more prosperity, lies in the successful development of small tracts. A few acres properly cultivated can produce as much income by specialization as hundreds of acres by ordinary farming.

Apples invite men of vision who would promote the future progress of the valley as well as their own. There are hundreds of acres of foothill lands around the edge of the valley admirably suited for orchard development. It can be bought cheap and will multiply in value and in income possibilities as it is brought into bearing.

Union county needs and can happily support new settlers. Investigate apple growing—there are no finer apples in the world than those grown in the Grande Ronde valley. They point the way to greater growth and wealth for our Inland Empire.

H. H. Weatherspoon

Elgin, Oregon

Apple Grower and Shipper

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