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Gives Redmond and the Redmond District Good Measure of Publicity

In a recent issue of the Sunset magazine John Scott Mills, a special writer of note, under the head of "The Lands of the Inland Empire; Redmond, Oregon, the Center of the Great District. Where General Farming is a Distinct Success," has been following to say about this city district:

Everyone has heard of the Inland Empire as applied to Central Oregon. People have been going there for many years, and every mode of conveyance from the cayuse to the automobile has been brought into requisition. All these methods of transportation are things of the past—there are railroads there now. It was good fortune to be privileged to be on the first through passenger train operated by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company from Portland to Bend. Leaving the Columbia river at Deschutes the line traverses a canon almost 100 miles, then an upland which is scarcely populated. New towns have sprung into existence. The present terminus, was reached after nightfall. With the coming of a new day came the Demonstration Train with the faculty of Oregon Agricultural College and W. R. & N. officials. Aboard the train were the exhibits of live stock and poultry. The college men talked and the railroad men talked. The people asked questions and viewed with interest the great object lesson before them.

Directly after noon a start was made for Redmond, 17 miles north. Here the largest crowd assembled at any point was in waiting. It is in Redmond that my story has to be told. Five years ago where there was a nest of juniper and a desert waste covered with sagebrush, with one farm house only, there is today a prosperous little city of 900 people. The town is incorporated. It operates a lighting plant under municipal

ownership, owns its water system and has voted \$25,000 in bonds already disposed of, to bring water from the river two miles away. It has graded streets, churches, schools, two banks, two newspapers and an array of substantial business blocks and many pretty homes.

Why this town in the desert? The answer is that it is the center of one of the great agricultural sections of the Northwest. There is a Carey Act segregation of some 215,000 acres here, 70,000 acres of which are now under water, and the remaining area will be provided with canals ere long.

There's something attractive in

the statement that free land is obtainable anywhere. Units of 20, 40, 80, 120 or 160 acres may be located. The land is patented to the state. The State Land Board enters into a contract with a company to put water on the land. The settler pays \$40 per acre irrigable land, with a water right guaranteed in perpetuity. He pays one-fourth down and has five years in which to pay the remainder. The maintenance fee is 80 cents per acre.

I said free lands sounds attractive. The statement as to what may be grown is even more alluring. This is

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Crook County Wins Prizes At Portland Land Show

Forty-three districts of Oregon and Washington were represented in the booth of exhibits made by the Hill lines at the Pacific Northwest Land Show recently held in Portland. From Tualatin and Willamette valleys, Central and Eastern Oregon and along the line of the North Bank railroad fine specimens of what the people are growing were brought and arranged under the direction of Tillman Reuther, the Madras dry farming expert. The list included several thousand individual exhibits, each representative of its district and brought from a region covering several thousand square miles. Central Oregon towns made the following displays:

Madras—Wheat, fine display of grains and grasses, onions, corn and apples.

Metolius—Wheat, potatoes, and onions.

Culver—Pumpkins, apples, corn,

potatoes.

Terrebonne—Potatoes, corn, apples, wheat.

Redmond—Potatoes, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, onions, squashes, fine pumpkins and wheat.

Deschutes—Wheat and potatoes and other vegetables.

Bend—Grasses, grain, wheat, potatoes, vegetables.

Maupin—Potatoes, grains, apples, grains and grasses.

Burns—Grains, grasses, pumpkins, apples.

Agency Plains—W. C. Moore, fine display of oats, wheat and barley.

Prineville—Grains, grasses, potatoes, corn and fruit.

Powell Butte—S. D. Mustard, fine display of potatoes, same being very attractive.

Laidlaw—Grains, grasses, potatoes, fruits.

Hay Creek—Beets, grasses, kohlrabis, squashes.

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FEARS A SHORT POTATO CROP

R. R. INSTRUCTOR SAYS WEST WILL NOT FURNISH FULL QUOTA

Authority on Potato Situation Gives Out a Statement of Interest to the Farmers in This Section

A Salt Lake dispatch of recent date says: That the country will face another potato shortage this winter is the opinion of Eugene H. Grubb, one of the best known potato growers in the country, who has been employed by the Oregon Short Line railroad to instruct western farmers in this crop. He has recently made a tour of the inter-mountain states for the railway, and has found that optimistic reports on this subject are not well founded.

"I have been making a general observation all over the country, and am convinced that the potato crop has been vastly overestimated," he says. "A drought affected the crop in the Atlantic states, and they generally overestimate the crop, anyway. Maine always reports 33 per cent more than the crop actually turns out. The potato crop in Colorado is not more than 50 per cent

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"THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY!" WHO IS IT? MAN OR WOMAN WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOOL VOTE

A Salem dispatch says: If there is any phase of the apparent mystery surrounding woman as a voter that has not been put to the attorney general in the form of a question, someone should think of it and present it now while the presenting is good.

Stacks of questions have been asked, but the latest comes from School Superintendent Smith of Marion county, who wants to know who is the head of the family and is entitled to vote under the provisions of the law governing school elections which says that only taxpayers and heads of families who have school children may cast a ballot. Is the man or the woman the head of the family?

As the law is a little hazy on the subject, Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle advised that it all depends. It may be the man and it may be the woman, but he says it can never be both. He says the law does not recognize such a thing as there being two heads of a family, it is always "the head."

He says usually the man is the head of the family, but that in cases where the woman was the chief mainstay of the family, then she should be the head and would be entitled to the vote. If the husband were ill, or away much of the time, or incapacitated, then the woman should be considered the head of the family.

And there you are.

RAFFLE IS A RAFFLE AND PUNISHABLE EVEN IF ALL DRAW PRIZES

The law prohibiting raffles cannot be avoided by making all numbers draw some prize, for with or without blank numbers the raffle scheme is a raffle nevertheless, says Atty. General Crawford in an opinion given to H. E. Blevins of Cove, Or. With the holidays approaching Mr. Blevins desired to stimulate trade by offering boxes of cigars free to the holders of lucky numbers secured with the purchase of cigars. The Atty. General advised him that the penalty was \$100 to \$1000 fine or imprisonment.

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CROOK COUNTY WINS AT EASTERN LAND SHOW

"Crook County, Or., wins the Northwest Pacific cup for best display of forage plants in competition with 7 Northwestern states. This is very gratifying and a big feather in Oregon's hat."

This is a telegram received at the Portland Commercial Club last Friday from Minneapolis from the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. The Crook county exhibit carried not only grains and grasses, but apples, pears and other fruits as well, amounting to half a carload.

Honestly, now, did you ever know a big hearted man to give away anything except smiles.