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The highest degree of perfection in size, shape, texture and flavor in our neighborhood. This is true, because the land here, rising toward the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, is somewhat higher than the Valley proper, and is of the quality which holds moisture throughout the dry season, so that irrigation is unknown and unnecessary.

Potatoes yield from 100 to 200 sacks per acre, marketable weight to the acre, and right here it may be of interest to Eastern readers to explain that a sack of potatoes means about two bushels. To be sure, some will object to produce being marketed here, and, indeed, the size and quality of the crop here, as elsewhere, depending largely on the amount of intelligent, well-directed effort applied in its production. But effort may be made all right in their place, but they have never been known to produce a good crop of potatoes without work—at least not in Oregon—and it must be understood that hap-

azard farming will not produce the desired results.

It is figured that potatoes can be grown and marketed here at a cost of 40 cents per sack, so that all received above that amount is net profit to the farmer. For the past season, the highest the price has ranged from 40 cents to \$1.50, and on occasions when the demand was great, on account of scarcity in other parts of the country, the price has been as high as \$2 per sack, and even higher. But taking a low average, say \$1, and the small yield of 100 sacks per acre, the profit would be seen that the net profit would be \$60 per acre, or 6 percent on an investment of \$1000 per acre, and the highest price asked for land in this section is \$1000 per acre. If you go back a few miles from town and railroad, good land, as good as the best, can be had for \$75 to \$100 per acre. In this connection it must be remembered that the whole farm can not be cultivated in potatoes every year, because, to obtain the best results, a rotation of crops is necessary in potato culture, and the growing any other product of the farm.