



1200. ACRE WHEAT RANCH NEAR GOLDENDALE, WASH.

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THIS is the season of the harvest. Already the Northwest's ample acres have contributed immense volumes of ripened cereal to supply the great granaries of the world. The immense territory tributary to Portland, comprising the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, is one of the world's greatest wheat-producing sections. Annually the area devoted to grain production is increasing and annually the average yield per acre—due to intelligent agricultural practices—is growing more abundant.

In no part of the mighty empire of the Northwest is wheat produced in greater volume or in more excellent quality than in Klickitat County, Washington. Climate and soil conditions here are unusually suitable for wheat raising. This district regularly produces more than its quota of golden harvest. Some of the wheat farms here are of considerable size—a ranch of 1000 acres or 1200 acres is not unusual. But profitable farming can be done on farms of much less area. Many farmers are operating successfully on 160 acres and less.

All the wheat produced in Klickitat County that is not used for home consumption comes to Portland for milling or for export. Much of it is loaded onto the cars at Goldendale, the county seat, and brought to Portland by rail. It is possible, also, to transport grain from this region to Portland by water, as Klickitat County borders on the Columbia, which, now that the Cello Canal has opened, is navigable from the interior to the sea.