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## 40 BUSHELS TO ACRE

### SUB-SURFACE PACKER DOUBLES YIELD

Joe Marnach Tries New Machine and Harvests The Banner Crop of Madras Neighborhood.

Joe Marnach had the banner crop of grain in this locality, this season, and he secured it as a result of the application of one of the important principles of the "dry farming" methods, that of the sub-surface packing, which packs the ground underneath and leaves it loose on top. Off of 40 acres of his ranch four miles southwest of this place, he secured this year 1600 bushels of barley, an average of 40 bushels to the acre. The soil on his ranch is no better than that on dozens of other places in that locality, and the big yield must be attributed to the method of farming which he followed.

Last year a new farming implement was left in Mr. Marnach's hands by an implement house, for trial. It was one of the various kinds of sub-surface packers which have come into use with the Campbell, or dry farming methods of cultivation. It is a machine which packs the soil underneath to a depth of six or seven inches, and leaves the surface loose. The purpose of the machine is to thoroughly pack the soil underneath, forming a good storage reservoir for the moisture and at the same time increasing the capillary attraction so that the moisture may later be supplied to the roots of the growing plants from below, as needed. When the ground is plowed the furrow slice turning over on to the stubble and weeds forms air cavities underneath, aiding evaporation and preventing the plant from getting the full benefit of the moisture that has been stored in the ground. To prevent this is the main purpose of the sub surface packer. The top of the ground is left loose, soon dries and forms a dust mulch on top, which aids in conserving the moisture in the ground, by preventing evaporation.

On forty acres of his land Mr. Marnach followed the plow with the sub-surface packer, while on eighty acres adjoining he did not do so. On the forty acres packed he secured a crop of 40 bushels to the acre, while on the adjoining land, farmed under the old methods, he secured less than half as much. The success of Mr. Marnach's experiment is an indication of what every farmer in this locality may expect if he can but be induced to follow those methods of "dry farming" which are proving the salvation of the great arid regions of the West.

### DECISION IS REVERSED

Frank Lucas Wins Contest Instituted By Morton Doty on Homestead.

In a letter to one of his friends in Madras, Frank G. Lucas states that he has received notice from the General Land Office that a decision had been rendered in his favor in the contest instituted by Morton Doty against his homestead entry, on appeal from the decision of the local land office, the decision of the local land office having

been reversed. The communication from Mr. Lucas is the only information which has been received at this place concerning the decision in this case.

The contest against the Lucas homestead was instituted by Morton Doty, a traveling man from Portland, who brought the contest on the ground that the leave of absence from his homestead obtained by Lucas had been obtained upon misrepresentations, and alleging abandonment of the claim. The testimony of a number of witnesses was taken here, the testimony for the defendant relating chiefly to the condition of his wife's health, which necessitated his absence from the land, and for which purpose a leave was obtained. The Lucas homestead is located on Agency Plains, adjoining the Martin Pratt homestead on the south.

Lucas has been residing at Phoenix and Martinez, Arizona, for a number of years past. He filed upon the homestead in 1901, while residing at Shaniko, but after establishing his residence on the land, was compelled to go to Arizona on account of the health of his wife, who was suffering from tuberculosis.

The decision in the Lucas contest has no bearing upon other contests brought in this locality on the ground of insufficient residence, as the main point involved in the Lucas contest was the question of the correctness and sufficiency of the affidavit upon which the application for the leave of absence was based.

### FLOUR MILL STARTS UP

Madras Milling Company Began Custom Grinding Last Friday.

After standing idle for a year or more, the Madras flouring mill started up last Friday forenoon, and it is now grinding daily. For the present it is only doing custom grinding, but there is sufficient of that to insure the steady operation of the mill.

About a year ago, owing to some friction among the stockholders in the Madras Milling & Mercantile Company, the property owned by that concern was turned over to R. L. Sabin of the Merchants Protective Association, for the benefit of the creditors. The store building and stock of merchandise was disposed of, but the milling property was retained by the company, subject to a small claim still due the creditors. It was owing to this state of affairs that the mill has been idle during the past year, and it is a source of much gratification to Messrs. Putz and Deitzel, the owners of the mill, and to their friends in this locality, that they have at last been able to resume operations.

The Madras flouring mill is a fifty barrel mill, equipped throughout with the best of modern milling machinery. Mr. Putz, the head miller, has had years of experience in the flouring business, and he is recognized as one of the best millers in Eastern Oregon.

W. S. Williams, George Gould and W. Harper have returned from Goldendale, where they went to secure good seed wheat of the "Fortyfold" variety. They each secured enough to seed all of the ground which they expect to plant to wheat this season.

## BAD FIRE AT PRINEVILLE

LOSS ESTIMATED TO BE \$14,000

Starts in Cornett's Stage Stable and Burns That, the Methodist Church and Two Residences.

Fire broke out in Cornett's stage stable in Prineville Tuesday morning shortly after nine o'clock and destroyed that stable and the residence of Dr. E. Q. Hyde, and, driven by a westerly wind, crossed the street and destroyed the Methodist Episcopal church building, the residence property of James Swartz and a small barn.

The fire companies were unable to control the blaze, the experience of this fire showing the water system to be inadequate to cope with a conflagration of any size. It was a fortunate thing that the wind was from the west and that the burning buildings were located on the banks of the Ochoco river, where the fire had to cross a considerable space before other buildings could be reached, else a large portion of the city might have been burned. Even as it was, fire brands repeatedly set fire to roofs across the river and it was only by manning the roofs and with the heroic assistance of a women's bucket brigade that these small blazes were promptly extinguished, and the fire kept under control. The total loss is estimated at between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

### CROOK COUNTY AT PENDLETON FAIR

J. N. B. Gerking, the well known pioneer of Athena, is at the fair with a choice exhibit of wheat, alfalfa and timothy from the irrigated district near Bend, Crook county, where he now owns a large tract of irrigated land, and where he resides most of the time.

Mr. Gerking has an attractive exhibit on the Umatilla county pyramid in the east end of the pavillion. Oats over six feet in height are on exhibit, wheat four feet high which yielded from 25 to 40 bushels per acre and timothy four feet high, are displayed by Mr. Gerking.

These products grew upon raw land and were irrigated but twice during the season, but made excellent growth and yielded well. Mr. Gerking is well pleased with Crook county and will farm extensively there from this time.—East Oregonian.

### RUSSIAN THISTLE SPREADS RAPIDLY

An idea as to the extensive foothold which the Russian thistle had acquired throughout the city can be gained by a visit to Normal hill, where Street Commissioner Knight has a force of 10 men engaged in digging up the pest along the streets. The great piles of thistles left in the wake of the workmen show that the weed has spread to an alarming extent. The property owners are taking up the work of destroying the pest on their premises and are making great headway. On vacant lots the thistle is found to have gained a strong foothold, and in many instances the ground is thickly covered with them.—Lewiston Tribune.

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