

MADRAS, OREGON

THE GATEWAY CITY

MADRAS

is the business center for the entire Northern Crook County district, and is the first town of importance reached via the O.-W. R. & N. and the Oregon Trunk Railway after the Columbia River is left behind. Since the coming of the railroads its growth has been steady and substantial. It offers to its residents the comforts and facilities of modern civilization—numerous churches, progressive grade and high schools, well-stocked stores and a substantial bank, close communication with the outside world, a city water system affording adequate fire protection and an abundance of pure water for domestic uses, and, soon to be installed, electric lights and power. A flouring mill manufactures a most excellent quality of flour, and numerous warehouses provide marketing and storing facilities for the products of the district.

Madras and vicinity offer exceptional attractions to the hom-seeker and the investor. Present values are in keeping with production.

Situated at the Gateway to the vast Oregon interior, in the heart of the most fertile dry farming country in the Northwest, Northern Crook County, whose products have received prize after prize at the Dry Farming Shows

Wherever Madras products have been exhibited they have taken the lion's share of prizes. They have entered into competition with the best specimens that could be procured from the fields of the most productive dry farms in the west, from localities where dry farming is a much older industry than it is in Northern Crook County. The transformation of this great territory from range to farm is a process that has occupied far less than a decade.

The prize-winning products of Northern Crook County are not limited to grain alone. Under the methods of scientific tillage practiced by the farmer of today, the diversified crops of the American farm are produced in like profusion and quality. Alfalfa, the richest of forage crops, is an important factor in making the farmer's profits, and Corn, Fruit, Potatoes, and Vegetables of all kinds are sure and profitable. Poultry and Live Stock thrive, and animal health ranks high.

WATCH FOR THE LETHBRIDGE WINNERS, and MADRAS

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will take pleasure in furnishing you with any desired information concerning Madras and the Northern Crook County country from which the prize-winning dry farmed products come

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Production of Tubers This Year
More Than Doubles Last Year.
Spuds Will be Cheap

Enough potatoes were produced in Oregon this season to give about 1500 pounds to every man, woman and child in the state, and leave enough for seeding the next crop.

Latest returns from the crop indicate a total production of 16,000,000 bushels of potatoes, compared with a crop of 7,920,000 bushels in 1911. The increase this season is due both to increased acreage and to the greater yield per acre.

By conservative estimates the potato yield in Oregon this season averages 200 bushels per acre. While in some places an average of 250 bushels per acre was produced; other sections shows yields around 150 bushels per acre. The estimate of 200 bushels as the average for the entire state is therefore considered conservative.

The acreage of potatoes grown and ready for harvest in Oregon this season is placed at 80,000 acres or nearly double that of a year ago. There was a larger acreage planted, but some was so badly affected by blight that it will not be harvested. This year's acreage at digging time is therefore far the greatest ever known in this section. The increase places Oregon among the country's leading states in potato production.

The greatest increase in acreage was in central Oregon; in fact, this year's crop east of the mountains is fully two thirds of the entire crop of the state. Not only was the greater acreage planted in the interior this season in places where no crops were ever produced before, but the production in most instances is well above the average for the entire state.

There will be potatoes for every one this season. They were grown in all districts and on all kinds and classes of land. They are generally of large size and of exceedingly good quality, with the exception of the district where blight worked

overtime in its damages.

Potatoes will be cheaper this season than for many years. It will not be the question so much of prices as it will be to sell the product. Even at the low price that will be paid producers, there is money in the growing of the tubers, although the extremely high prices that have ruled during recent years have given growers ideas regarding the price they should receive, that are not in line with what consumers believe they should pay.

Not only is there a bumper crop of potatoes in Oregon this season, but there is a record output in Washington and in Idaho. California tells the same story; in fact, the potato production of the United States this season ranks among the greatest grown.

Last year the American crop was so short that the Atlantic coast states were compelled to purchase much of their needs from Europe. This year there will be sufficient stock grown at home to suit the appetite of everyone and therefore prices will be affected.

On account of the great crop of potatoes grown along the Pacific coast this season, the railroads have been unable to take care of the business and this will have a depressing effect upon the price.

To which class of animals do you belong, politically, the elephant, donkey or moose? The result of the election is sad, but nevertheless true.



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