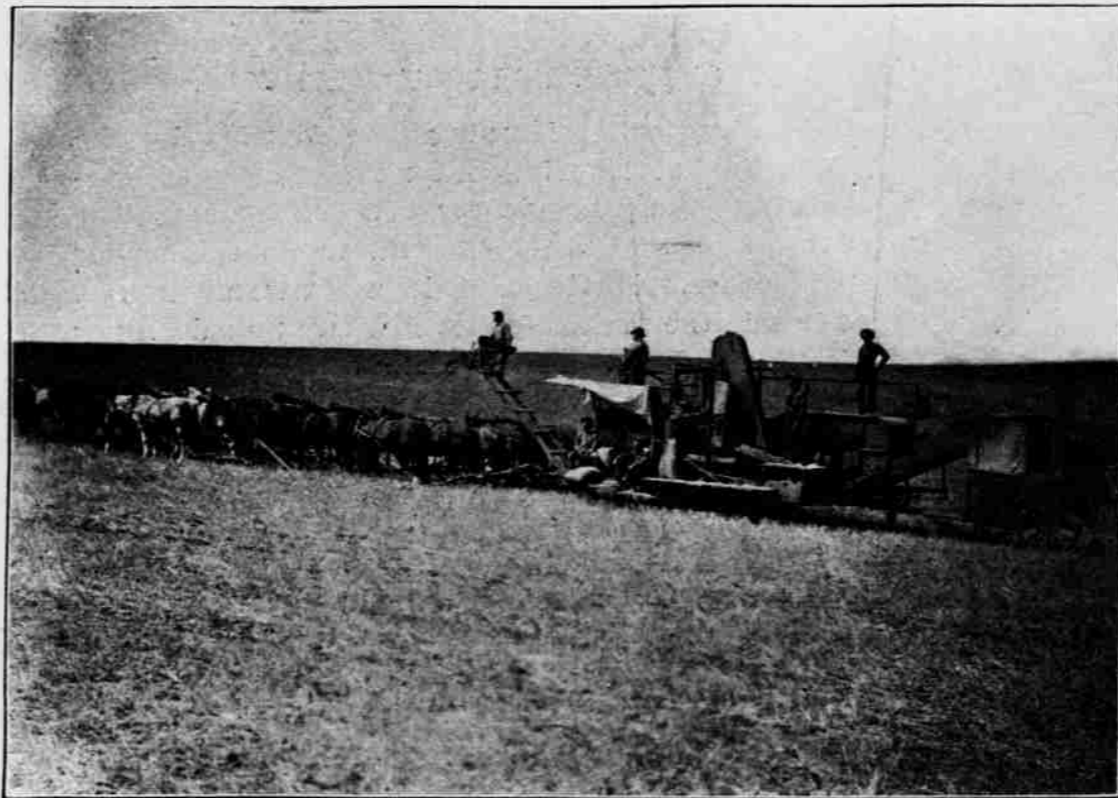




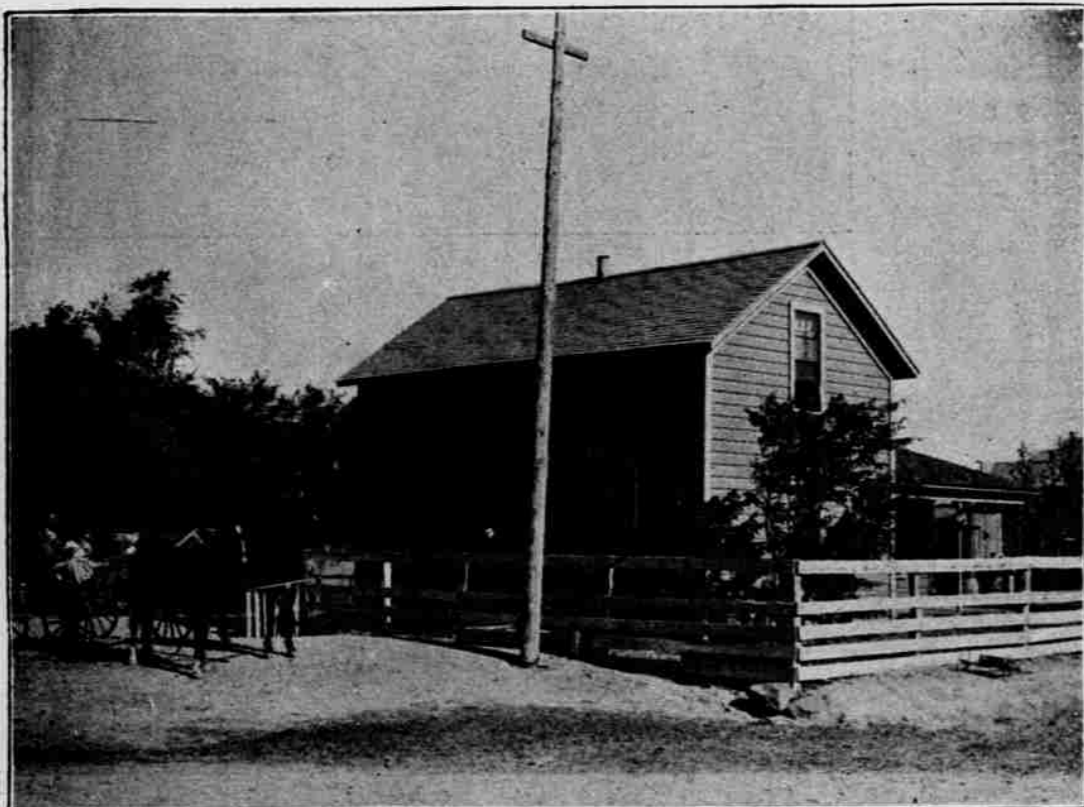
RESIDENCE OF V. C. BROCK.



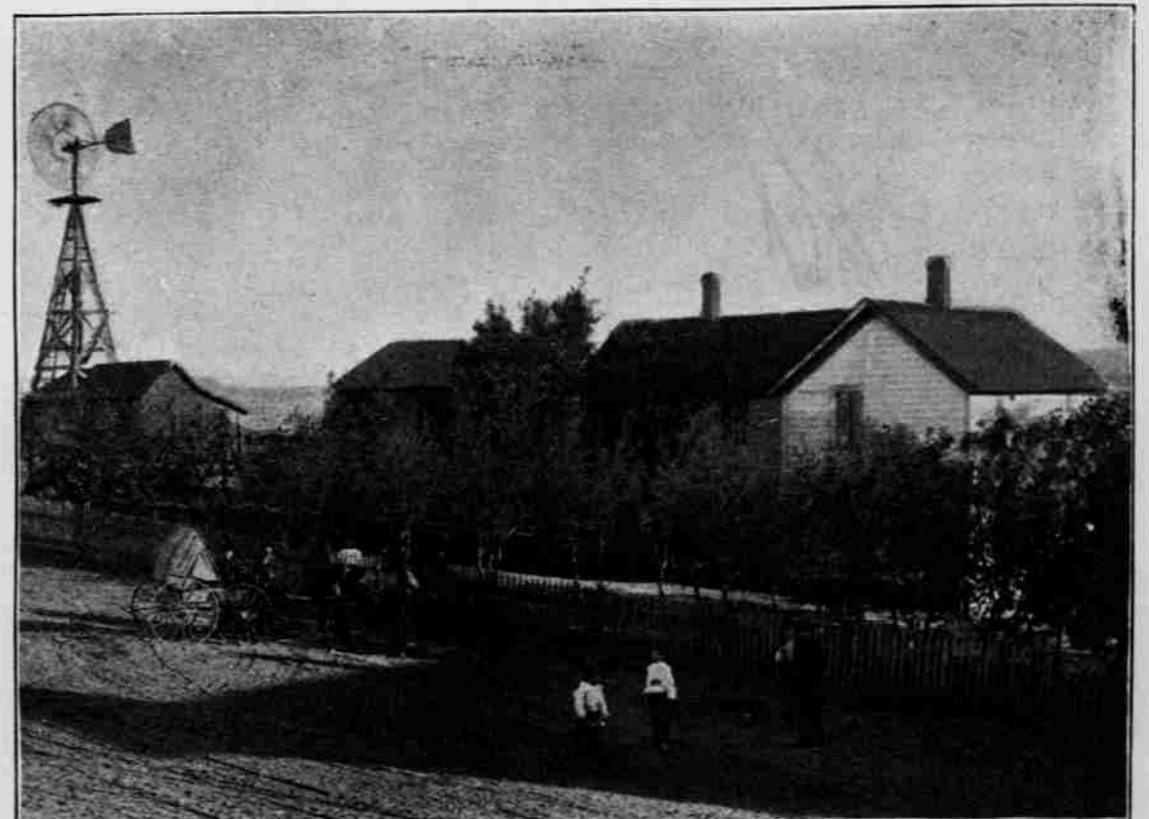
RESIDENCE OF GEO. N. CROSSFIELD.



HARVESTING SCENE IN SHERMAN COUNTY.



RESIDENCE OF DR. JESSE EDGINGTON.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN W. BOOTH.

## GRASS VALLEY, OREGON.

On May the 3d, 1878, Dr. C. R. Rollins, in company with several others, came and camped where the present town site of Grass Valley is located. The small party, after looking over the entire country, found no place in their judgment where so many natural advantages existed as they did there. Not only was there a beautiful level valley, with an abundance of water, but also worlds of grass for miles and miles in every direction. The Doctor located a homestead upon the quarter section they were camped upon and the others of the party took homesteads adjoining thereto. At this time there were only forty-two white people in what is now known as Sherman county, and during the summer and fall several of those left. At this time the whole country was considered fit only for grazing purposes, but these few settlers around the now town of Grass Valley, turned their attention to raising and growing both cereals and vegetables, and at harvest time the output proved to them beyond any doubt that the soil was admirably adapted to both, and from this time on the country began to fill up and soon Grass Valley was known far and near. Dr. Rollins then built a small store and practiced medicine and for years was the only physician from Antelope on the south to the Columbia river on the north. In 1887 the present town site was surveyed by John Fulton, the present County Judge of Sherman county, and no town in the county has enjoyed a more healthy growth than Grass Valley has. Her growth has not been of the mushroom order, as she has never had anything to boom it except its beauty, its abundance of good pure cold water, and its exceeding levelness, (it being the only town in the county, outside of along the Columbia river, that is not built on a hill side,) and also being situated in one of the finest wheat belts in Oregon; and also in close proximity of fine grazing grounds, where thousands of sheep, cattle and horses are kept the year round. Not only are the citizens



ODD FELLOWS HALL.