

Why Don't Home-seekers Come To Morrow County?

Morrow county produces more wealth per capita than any other county in the state of Oregon. Our territory within county lines is 75 miles in length by 35 miles in width, large enough for a state, but with not enough population for a good sized country village. Only 100 people in the county.

Every year we grow about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat. This is worth about \$700,000.

We have about 225,000 head of sheep worth about \$300,000, after shearing with the wool from these sheep will sell for \$360,000. Then there are horses and cattle worth at least a half a million more.

These are the main items in the wealth producers.

It don't take much figuring when you look at these figures to come to the conclusion that Morrow county people make some money. We have the soil, the climate and the goods to make good.

Morrow county's climate is pleasant and healthful. Morrow county people are prosperous. Morrow county people have money. Here in the town of Heppner we have two banks. The First National in published statements shows deposits running from half a million dollars up. Both banks have a big business. Heppner can show the largest bank deposits of any town of its size in the Northwest, and it should be remembered that Lexington, nine miles away, and Ione, 18 miles from Heppner both have banks doing a good business. This looks like Morrow county people have money.

But look here, almost half the population of Morrow county reside in the towns. This leaves only between 3,000 and 4,000 people in a territory 75 miles in length by 35 miles in width. Don't you think there is room for more people?

Ten or twelve years ago land in Morrow county went begging at from \$100 to \$250 for a quarter section.

Five years ago this land had looked up to \$6.00 and \$7.00 per acre. Today this land is worth \$15 per acre with a few of the choicest lots one time bringing \$20 per acre. Now the old timers are wondering why they did not take advantage of this cheap land. They could have made a barrel of money.

Over in the adjoining county of Umatilla wheat lands today are worth from \$50 to \$75 an acre. On the other side of us is Sherman county with wheat lands selling from \$25 up. Here we are between with just as good land and at \$15 per acre. Our lands are sure to go up in price. In a few years the people here will be again wondering why they did not buy some of this \$15 land. The proposition is the same now as it was a few years ago, but it takes more money. Last year and year before a number of good farmers bought wheat lands and paid for it with the first crop.

Come to Morrow county and investigate this land business. Following are a few samples of what we have for sale:

No 1—320 acres, 13 miles south of Ione, 12 acres in cultivation and is in crop. One third of crop delivered in Ione goes with place. All fenced with 2 wires. Price \$4,500. \$2,500 cash, balance in 2 years, 8 per cent.

No 2—500 acres, 12 miles south of Ione, 500 acres in cultivation 285 acres in alfalfa, will summer fallow balance. Good well water, fair buildings and one mile from school. Price including crop and summer fallow, \$12,500. \$3,000 cash, \$2,000 after harvest, balance in one half crop payments at 8 per cent.

No 3—640 acres, 9 miles south of Ione, 450 acres in cultivation, 100 more can be plowed, 155 acres in wheat. Fair buildings, and all fenced with 2 wires. Price including crop, \$10,500. \$3,500 cash, small payment after harvest, balance to suit purchaser.

No 4—430 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Lexington, all in cultivation but 5 acres, running water, all fenced. Price per acre \$20.00. One half cash, balance on easy terms.

No 5—480 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 300 acres in cultivation, 60 acres more can be plowed, 150 acres in grain. Windmill and plenty of water at house and running water in pasture. All fenced with 2 wires. Small orchard. Three quarters of mile from school. Price including crop, \$8,000. \$3,500 cash, balance on easy terms.

No 6—640 acres, 5 miles from Heppner, all tillable but 50 acres, 300 acres in wheat. Plenty of water, and fair buildings. Young orchard. Price including crop \$20.00 per acre. One half cash balance on easy terms.

No 7—Stock ranch, 7220 acres all fenced with 3 wires, watered by several spring branches and creeks. There is about 75 acres set to alfalfa, 250 more in cultivation, two fair houses, two good sheep sheds. Located in the best grass section in Morrow county. Price per acre \$6.50. One third cash, balance on easy terms.

No 8—280 acres timber land, good house and barn, all fenced, 25 acres meadow or bottom land. One mile from good saw mill, 1 1/2 miles from school, 10 miles from Hardman. Price per acre \$10.00. \$500.00 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

No 9—320 acres timber and grass land, 3 miles from saw mill, all fenced, plenty of running water, small house. Price \$1600. Small payment down, balance on easy terms.

No 10—430 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Lexington, all in cultivation but 5 acres, running water, all fenced. Price per acre \$20.00. One half cash, balance on easy terms.

No 11—480 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 300 acres in cultivation, 60 acres more can be plowed, 150 acres in grain. Windmill and plenty of water at house and running water in pasture. All fenced with 2 wires. Small orchard. Three quarters of mile from school. Price including crop, \$8,000. \$3,500 cash, balance on easy terms.

No 12—500 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 500 acres in cultivation 285 acres in alfalfa, will summer fallow balance. Good well water, fair buildings and one mile from school. Price including crop and summer fallow, \$12,500. \$3,000 cash, \$2,000 after harvest, balance in one half crop payments at 8 per cent.

No 13—640 acres, 5 miles from Heppner, all tillable but 50 acres, 300 acres in wheat. Plenty of water, and fair buildings. Young orchard. Price including crop \$20.00 per acre. One half cash balance on easy terms.

No 14—Stock ranch, 7220 acres all fenced with 3 wires, watered by several spring branches and creeks. There is about 75 acres set to alfalfa, 250 more in cultivation, two fair houses, two good sheep sheds. Located in the best grass section in Morrow county. Price per acre \$6.50. One third cash, balance on easy terms.

No 15—280 acres timber land, good house and barn, all fenced, 25 acres meadow or bottom land. One mile from good saw mill, 1 1/2 miles from school, 10 miles from Hardman. Price per acre \$10.00. \$500.00 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

No 16—320 acres timber and grass land, 3 miles from saw mill, all fenced, plenty of running water, small house. Price \$1600. Small payment down, balance on easy terms.

No 17—430 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Lexington, all in cultivation but 5 acres, running water, all fenced. Price per acre \$20.00. One half cash, balance on easy terms.

No 18—480 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 300 acres in cultivation, 60 acres more can be plowed, 150 acres in grain. Windmill and plenty of water at house and running water in pasture. All fenced with 2 wires. Small orchard. Three quarters of mile from school. Price including crop, \$8,000. \$3,500 cash, balance on easy terms.

No 19—500 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 500 acres in cultivation 285 acres in alfalfa, will summer fallow balance. Good well water, fair buildings and one mile from school. Price including crop and summer fallow, \$12,500. \$3,000 cash, \$2,000 after harvest, balance in one half crop payments at 8 per cent.

No 20—640 acres, 5 miles from Heppner, all tillable but 50 acres, 300 acres in wheat. Plenty of water, and fair buildings. Young orchard. Price including crop \$20.00 per acre. One half cash balance on easy terms.

No 21—Stock ranch, 7220 acres all fenced with 3 wires, watered by several spring branches and creeks. There is about 75 acres set to alfalfa, 250 more in cultivation, two fair houses, two good sheep sheds. Located in the best grass section in Morrow county. Price per acre \$6.50. One third cash, balance on easy terms.

No 22—280 acres timber land, good house and barn, all fenced, 25 acres meadow or bottom land. One mile from good saw mill, 1 1/2 miles from school, 10 miles from Hardman. Price per acre \$10.00. \$500.00 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

No 23—320 acres timber and grass land, 3 miles from saw mill, all fenced, plenty of running water, small house. Price \$1600. Small payment down, balance on easy terms.

No 24—430 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Lexington, all in cultivation but 5 acres, running water, all fenced. Price per acre \$20.00. One half cash, balance on easy terms.

No 25—480 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 300 acres in cultivation, 60 acres more can be plowed, 150 acres in grain. Windmill and plenty of water at house and running water in pasture. All fenced with 2 wires. Small orchard. Three quarters of mile from school. Price including crop, \$8,000. \$3,500 cash, balance on easy terms.

No 26—500 acres, 12 miles from Heppner, 500 acres in cultivation 285 acres in alfalfa, will summer fallow balance. Good well water, fair buildings and one mile from school. Price including crop and summer fallow, \$12,500. \$3,000 cash, \$2,000 after harvest, balance in one half crop payments at 8 per cent.

No 27—640 acres, 5 miles from Heppner, all tillable but 50 acres, 300 acres in wheat. Plenty of water, and fair buildings. Young orchard. Price including crop \$20.00 per acre. One half cash balance on easy terms.

No 28—Stock ranch, 7220 acres all fenced with 3 wires, watered by several spring branches and creeks. There is about 75 acres set to alfalfa, 250 more in cultivation, two fair houses, two good sheep sheds. Located in the best grass section in Morrow county. Price per acre \$6.50. One third cash, balance on easy terms.

No 29—280 acres timber land, good house and barn, all fenced, 25 acres meadow or bottom land. One mile from good saw mill, 1 1/2 miles from school, 10 miles from Hardman. Price per acre \$10.00. \$500.00 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

No 30—320 acres timber and grass land, 3 miles from saw mill, all fenced, plenty of running water, small house. Price \$1600. Small payment down, balance on easy terms.

No 31—430 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Lexington, all in cultivation but 5 acres, running water, all fenced. Price per acre \$20.00. One half cash, balance on easy terms.

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when and where to speculate and invest so as to make many times the amount of their salary. Socialism will make industries public property. There will be no incentive to buy congressmen.

The remedy for the evils of public ownership is more public ownership. Socialism will introduce initiative and referendum, so city legislatures and congress will not have the power to pass important laws without submitting them to popular vote. Likewise the recall, which will enable the people to discharge any official when they distrust him instead of letting him fill out his term as at present. Capitalism is depriving the small farmer of his farm. The land is slipping out of his grasp. In 1880 twenty-five per cent of them were renters. In 1890 twenty-eight per cent of them were renters. In 1900 thirty-five per cent of them were renters. Who is depriving the farmer of his little farm. Mortgages are eating up a large percentage of the farmers who are not renters. A mortgaged farmer is but little better off than a renter. About all the difference is that he pays interest instead of rent. Capitalism is gradually and surely squeezing the land out of the farmer's grasp, but if he should have a little land left by the time the Socialist commonwealth is introduced socialism will not deprive him of it, not if he wants to use it himself. Socialism will not force him into the public farming. Socialism will depend entirely upon its own superior profitability and attractiveness to draw him in.

A hundred farmers working together with gigantic machinery can produce a great deal more in a year than a hundred farmers can produce. So public farming will be more profitable. Public farming will give him more sociable, pleasanter, more leisure opportunity to travel, culture and mental development. Socialism will give every one a chance to own private property. Capitalism prevents the people from owning private property.

It confiscates the bulk of the product of the wage worker. This makes it impossible for the wage worker to own his own home. In the cities and towns of the United States (see the second volume of census of 1900) there are 10,488,000 homes, or alleged homes, of these 6,551,000 are occupied by renters. Of the remainder 1,101,000 are mortgaged. Of the entire 10,488,000 homes less than two and a half million

are owned by these occupants free of incumbrance. The number of renters is constantly increasing. The percentage of mortgages is also constantly increasing. In New York 88 per cent live in rented houses. Seven live in houses to which they hold titles but which are mortgaged. While a mortgagee lives in houses which they own free of incumbrance. It is needless to say these overwhelming majorities of homeless families are of the working class. Capitalism prevents these who produce property. Socialism will give every one a chance to own private property.

For this, social democracy at times. In place of the present class rule we will institute a free government of the people. It will bring into existence an organization of State and society which, resting on the equality of all men, will tolerate neither ruler nor servant, and will found a fraternal community of free men.

Farmers, vote for men of your class interest.

Wage-earners, vote for men of your class interest.

Workingmen of the world, unite at the ballot box.

You have a world to win

And nothing to lose but your chains.

We're beaten back in many a fray,

Yet newer strength we borrow;

And where the vanguard camps today

The rear shall rest tomorrow.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Or., May 14, 1906.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Henry E. Wilhelm, contestant, against homestead entry No. 10861, made May 23, 1902, for S1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4, Section 26, SW1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, Township 25, Range 25, E. W. M., by Leander H. Jones, contestant, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said land and failed to live upon and cultivate said land as required by law; that the only improvement on the land is a small cabin, which is not habitable; that said cabin has been for more than six months abandoned and that said alleged absence has not been due to his employment in the army, or marine corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 20, 1906, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed May 23, 1906, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given due and proper publication.

ANNE M. LANG, Receiver.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon,
May 18, 1906.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Arthur J. Klemp, contestant, against homestead entry No. 11122, made March 1, 1902, for S1/2 NE1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, Township 25, Range 25, E. W. M., by Napoleon Rowell, contestant, in which it is alleged that said entryman has never resided upon said land or cultivated said land or any part thereof but has entirely abandoned said land and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or mariner during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 19, 1906, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed March 28, 1906, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given due and proper publication.

E. A. ROBERTS, Receiver.

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