

GILLIAM COUNTY-Wheat Producer

GILLIAM COUNTY'S VAST RESOURCES

Offer Vast Opportunities to Home Seekers

Gilliam County, which at the present time offers golden opportunities to the home-seeker, is situated in Eastern Oregon on the south bank of the Columbia river, 125 miles east of Portland. Its resources are vast and its wealth untold. This territory is practically a new country as the farmers are just learning to get the best results from the rich soil. It is a section where investments for years to come can be safely and profitably made—in fact there is no section in the Pacific Northwest where city and country property is nearer the turning point for doubling its value. Land at the present time is selling at an extremely low price—while it brings in untold wealth in crops. No other section offers such sure inducements to the home-seeker. This matter bears watching and investigation. There is still some government land open to settlers.



S. B. Hartshorn's 920-acre ranch, one mile west of Condon. One of the best wheat ranches of Gilliam County, averaging 25 bushels to the acre.

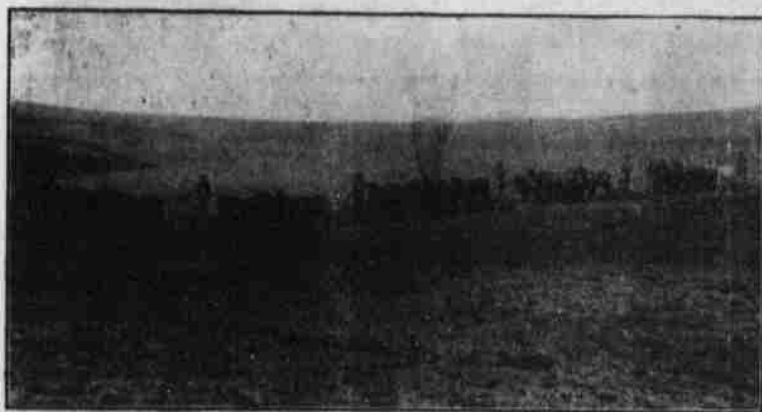


Ready for work on Tobey Bros.' 5,000-acre Gilliam County wheat ranch.

LEARNING BETTER FARMING METHODS

Means Larger Crops—Larger Yearly Income.

Gilliam county has, since the year 1907 when it harvested 3,350,000 bushels of grain, been known as one of the best wheat producing counties in the Pacific Northwest. Dry-land experts from the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station upon their various visits during the past year have said that its soil is very rich and most productive, even in the driest year. Since the first trip of the demonstration train, the farmers have become more eager to learn better farming methods and their latest move was the organization of the Gilliam County Improvement Association, the first object of which is the securing of the location for the dry farm experiment station in this county. They realize that with such a farm much is to be learned along lines of improvement. It will mean larger crops, a still greater variety by the crop rotation system, and a much larger income every year.



Forty mules do the work on C. W. Martin's ranch.



Reaping the harvest on Martin's 5,000-acre ranch.

MORE PEOPLE NEEDED HERE

To Reap Golden Harvest. A Prosperous Farming Section.

From the different scenes and data given here can be seen that farming in Gilliam county is done on an extensive scale. Many of its ranches are composed of several thousand acres, some running as high as five thousand. But these farms must be divided into smaller ranches as it is being realized that the old method of summer fallowing, resulting in utilizing only one-half of the land every year, must sooner or later give way to the much advocated crop rotation system which can be done properly only on smaller ranches.

Gilliam county thus offers splendid opportunities to home-seekers. It needs more people to reap the harvest of its rich soil.

From a climatic point of view this is the most inviting portion of Oregon. There are no excessive rains, but an ample supply of moisture to insure growing crops. No extreme cold in winter while its cool summers are delightful.



Eight 8-horse plow teams breaking soil. Turning over 60 acres per day.

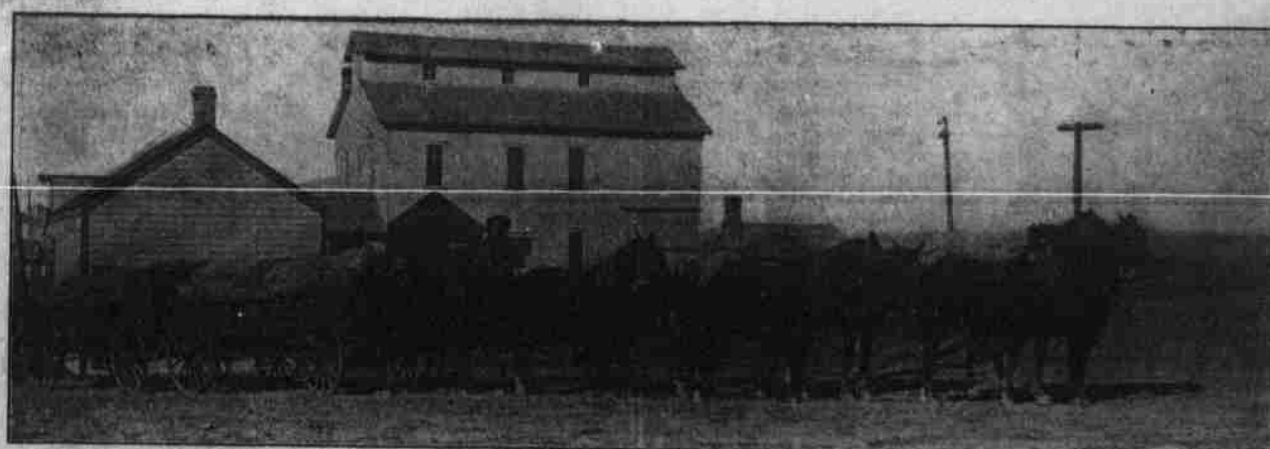


On Parman Bros.' 3,000-acre wheat ranch. Harvesting 25 acres per day.

FRUITS GROW IN ABUNDANCE

As Shown By The Splendid Specimens at Grange Fair.

The many creeks running through the county are lined with orchards. The peach tree seems to have found its home at last and the fruit grows to unrivalled beauty and unexcelled flavor. Gilliam's apples are becoming rivals of the world-famous Hood River product. Pears, apricots, melons and garden truck grow in abundance. The grand fruit exhibits at the Mayville fair during the past two years have been the astonishment of all visitors and have aided wonderfully in furthering fruit growing in Gilliam County. Fruit trees on non-irrigated land bear surprising crops.



Louis Couture's 8-horse jerk-line team hauling wheat to warehouse. Sample of Gilliam county horses.

BIG MONEY IN STOCK RAISING

County is still a Wool-Growing Center.

The good out-range in the higher foothills and untillable soil, together with the grain and the abundance of alfalfa grown along creeks, has induced many to stay with the profitable stock-raising. The advent of the large packing plants from the east to this coast has placed a new impetus on this industry and the farmers of the county are going into stock-raising on a larger scale than ever before. The wool growing industry is still a source of large revenue to the county as there are many tracts of fine winter