

# MORROW COUNTY FARM LANDS

THERE IS A FORTUNE IN IT FOR THE MAN WHO TODAY HAS THE FORESIGHT TO INVEST IN MORROW COUNTY LAND. WE HAVE NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF IT IN EVERY DAY LIFE IN HEPPNER—AND TODAY THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE.

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THE GREAT TASK OF FEEDING THE WORLD HAS FALLEN UPON THE SHOULDERS OF THE AMERICAN FARMER—THROWING OPEN A WORLD OF WONDERFUL CHANCES TO THE MAN WHO HAS THE MONEY AND THE INCLINATION TO INVEST.

I HAVE A MOST COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF FARM PROPERTIES FOR SALE ALL OVER MORROW COUNTY AND CAN PLACE A BUYER ON ANY KIND OF FARM THAT HE DESIRES. IF YOU ARE A PROSPECTIVE BUYER LET ME SHOW SOME OF THESE TO YOU. THE POSSIBILITIES THEY OFFER WILL APPEAL TO YOU.

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## New Irrigated District of Boardman is Prosperous

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heard some of these good folk of Boardman talk about their country and, having had some knowledge of the possibilities of irrigation under proper conditions, in the past, he was enough of a gambler to take a chance on making a trip over there to see for himself what the new town and community looks like.

Leaving Heppner one rather stormy Saturday morning at 8:30 the writer landed at Boardman via the Heppner Branch and the O. W. R. & N., at about 2:00 p. m. to step from the train into a flood of glorious sunshine.

At present as towns go, Boardman is not much to look at in the way of architectural beauty. For the most part it is something of a jumble of rough lumber "shacks" with nearly flat roofs and covered with tar paper. A few good homes have already been built and a large number of res-

building, which at present is the most pretentious in the town, stands on high ground overlooking the Columbia river and has a most slightly location. The building is in the California mission style, built of concrete and is two stories high. At present only the centre, or main part of the building has been erected the intention being to add the wings as provided for in the plans as the need for additional room arises.

Prof. F. E. Burns, principal, with three efficient teachers has charge of the school work. The school has 55 pupils enrolled this term and the curriculum embraces the full twelve grades of the grammar and high school courses.

A feature of the Boardman school of which the community has reason to be particularly proud is the school library. This institution has more than 1000 volumes of standard works embracing the very best literature, history, travel, fiction, and



The gathering of the Settlers on the Boardman Project.

business and business houses are planned for the coming summer.

The town and project, of which it is the center is situated on the Columbia river and the O. W. R. & N. railroad. The Morrow county section of the Columbia river highway which will be built this year, will run through the new town thus insuring all that could be desired in the way of transportation facilities—water, rail and first-class highway.

In planning their town Boardman people took early steps to secure a good school and any attempted description of a community should start with the public school. The school

refrains works.

Another feature is the boys and girls club work in which such an interest has been aroused that the school is now rated 100 per cent in this work. A school garden of an acre or two is now being prepared for the use of the pupils in this work and the intention seems to be to give every child benefit of practical experience in the best methods of agriculture. A list of members of the standard clubs in this school is published in another column of this paper at the request of Principal Burns.

Another modern community feature that has been adopted at Board-

man is the community church. Realizing that many small towns in these United States are "church poor" the people of Boardman decided that one church property supported in better than a dozen shacks with flippant posters and infrequent services. They therefore joined, formed and subscribed money with which to erect a building. Grateful at the adoption of the community plan of church building the Presbytery Board of Home Missions contributed the sum of \$250 to aid in the work and the result is the present very modern and convenient church building. At present the church is without a pastor the minister in charge having last year heeded the call for Y. M. C. A. workers in France and went overseas. The vacancy will probably soon be filled however and in the meantime a number of the ladies of the town are carrying on a very successful Sunday school. The cost of the church property was \$2250.

Ordinary lines of business are not represented in Boardman. These needs during the brief visit of this writer were:

Boardman Lumber company, J. C. Ballenger manager; Phelps, Voren company, feedstore; Gibbons & Cruser, general merchandise; Boardman Commercial company, Wm. Har-

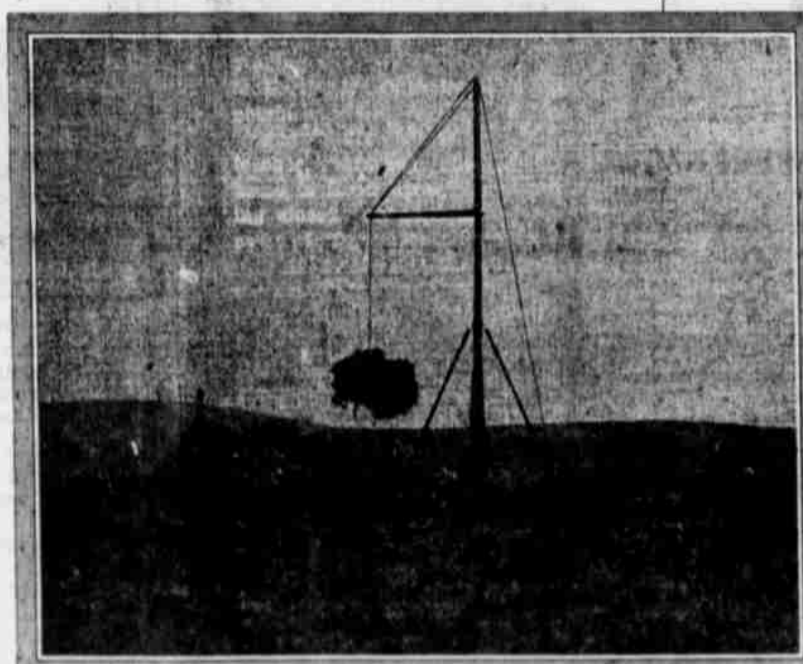
kins, manager; C. C. Payne, general merchandise; G. H. Warner, livestock; C. G. Hayden & Son, garage; The Boardman hotel, which while it contains a public hall used for public entertainments and social parties, is closed at present owing to the recent death of the proprietor but it is understood it will soon reopen.

Saturday afternoon was spent by the writer visiting around the town and getting acquainted with the settlers on the project many of whom were in town attending to their week's shopping and business affairs. These people have come to Boardman from many different parts of the country and constitute a rather cosmopolitan community. Many of them are from cities actually unused to country life or farming and irrigation problems and the wonder to the visitor is that all seem so happy and contented with their situation. If there was a grouch or pessimist among them that Saturday afternoon he was not visible to the naked eye. They may have personal and neighborhood differences as all towns and communities have but as residents of Boardman and the West Umatilla project they all seemed to be loyal to the cure and every man and woman a booster for the locality of their choice.

Saturday night was spent at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Boardman and early Sunday morning the visitor in company with Mr. Boardman and Mr. William Hayden, in the latter's Maxwell car saw the project the "once over." It was a hurried trip lasting from 8:00 o'clock until 11:00 when the west bound train was due but in that short time the entire project from one end to the other was covered and many short calls made at the homes of the settlers and many wonderful things were seen and heard. For instance:

Simmet Callahan, well known attorney of Portland, came to Boardman in 1917 and bought a 40-acre tract. That year he cleared 20 acres and seeded it to alfalfa. Last summer, 1918, he cut 200 tons of fire hay from the 20 acres which he sold in the stack at \$20 per ton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds came from Ridgefield Washington, in the spring of 1918 and bought a tract. Mr. Edmunds cleared several acres and set it seeded to alfalfa about June 1st. They then had to return to Ridgefield to take care of the harvest on the farm they still owned there. When they returned to Boardman about the last of August they cut a pretty fair crop of hay



Haying Scene in the Irrigated Section Around Boardman, Morrow County's Newest Irrigated Section to Open

from the alfalfa they had planted in June getting enough from a few acres to winter their team, milk cows and a few pigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Packard went to Boardman from Seattle in 1917 without the slightest experience in farming. Mr. Packard was manager of a department in one of Seattle's big business institutions with 85 people working under him. He left a mahogany desk in a marble-finished office and says he wouldn't go back on a cot. The Packards are living in a rough board shack at present and their cows and team and pigs are protected from the weather by a straw-covered shed but they are happy and prosperous. They already have 27 acres in alfalfa and they see in the near future a modern home, a car, and about every other convenience and luxury they need.

Mike Marshall, who is well known all over Morrow county as an old time sheep man, has been living in the "sand country" for several years and he knew a good thing so well when he saw it that when the west project was started himself and immediate family secured some 200 acres. He now has a large acreage in alfalfa and is preparing the remainder and will soon be raising more hay than many people ever dreamed of. Mr. Marshall is just now putting the finishing touches on a fine residence on his tract on which completed will have one of the largest and handsomest homes in the county.

In that hurried morning ride many names escaped the writer and he got his wits crossed on some others but everywhere the party stopped there was some good thing related to the project to show or tell about. One man showed us a quantity of well matured corn which was planted June 22nd, last. Not many sections of the great corn belt in the Mississippi valley can equal that.

Another man showed us corn and potatoes grown among the unbrushed sage brush which were of fine quality. Overflow water from the ditch had wet the soil and the seed was planted "just to see what it would do." Watermelons of fine quality were grown under the same conditions.

The West Umatilla project now has 2557 acres sold to settlers and practically all of this is under development or will be the coming year. There are 80 water users giving an average acreage of about 45 acres to each water user. The tracts range of the holdings being 40 acres.