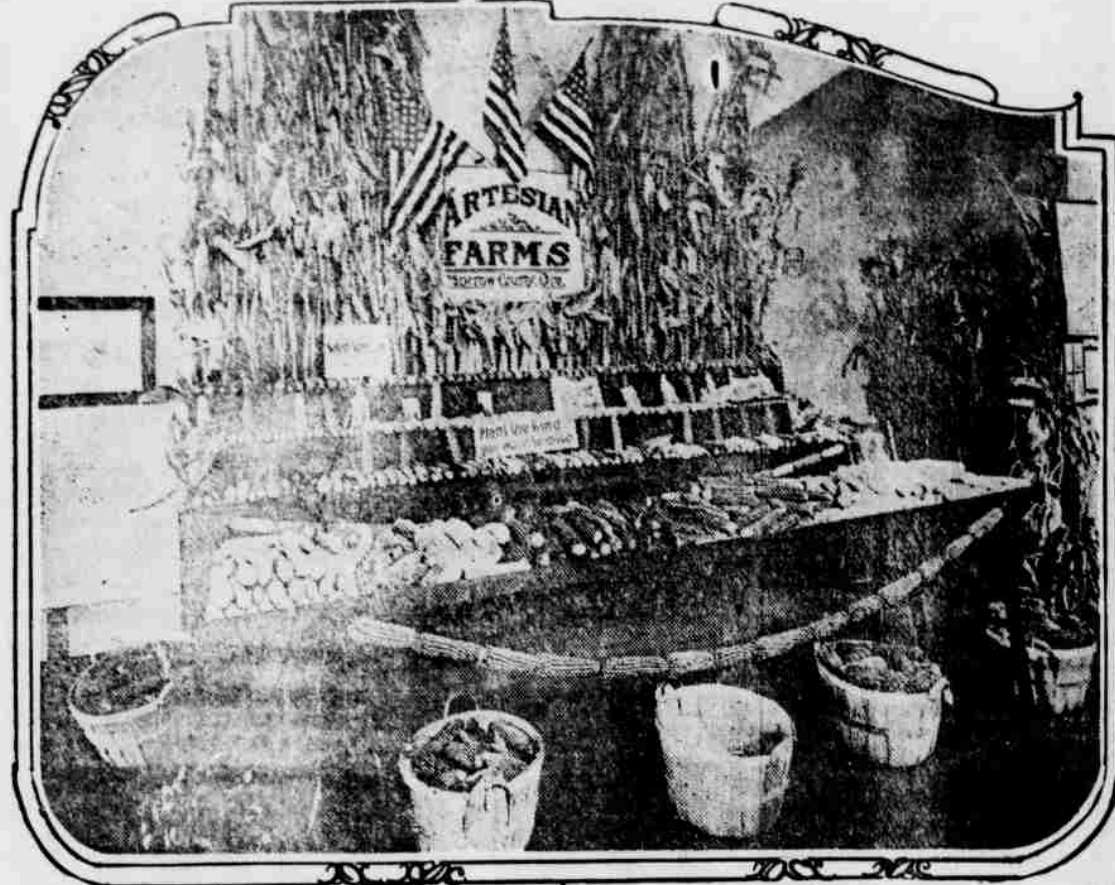


\$15 LAND PRODUCES CORN THAT MAKES REAL COMPETITION FOR CORN THAT IS GROWN ON \$600 LAND



The corn that won first prize at Walla Walla during the recent Corn Show, was grown on \$350 acre land and the ear of corn that won first prize was grown on \$600 acre land. The Morrow county exhibit that was exhibited by W. D. Newlon and took the second prize over everything from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, was grown on \$15 land. This shows the great opportunities in this county for a much larger return can be made on the amount of money invested. Mr. Newlon states that he has 15,000 acres that he is selling at \$12.50 to \$15 per acre which is the same land as that which the prize winning corn was grown on. Beside this practically all of the land is within the artesian well belt.

In writing of the Newlon exhibit in the Sunday Oregonian, Addison Bennett says, "that simple announcement means wonders to those who know about the general farming conditions in that county; but it means a lot more when it is stated that Mr. Newlon's farm is in practically the center of that great stretch of sage brush land extending some 40 miles south from the Columbia river, land that used to be considered worth not over six bits an acre, the price at which most of it was formerly sold."

Mr. Newlon is comparatively a newcomer in Morrow county, or in Oregon for that matter. He was a prosperous business man in Seattle until some two years ago. He in some way became imbued with the idea that artesian water could be found on the great flat lying between Irrigon and Heppner and began drilling to see if he could verify his belief. He found the water all right—but he went through about as much grief as one man can stand and also about \$25,000 in getting two flowing wells completed.

"Water was struck in the first well at a depth of 246 feet in October, 1915; the second one was finished to a depth of 342 feet early this month. The first well flows at a rate of 270 gallons a minute and the latter at a rate of 800 gallons a minute. The water is flowing eight feet above the surface of the ground, so for irrigating it can be carried all over almost any of the quarter sections in that level country."

"I am not going to dwell over-much on what the discovery of artesian water means to that section if the reader is not conversant with conditions in that vicinity he would not understand; if he knows the country well he will not have to be told that it means the revolution of

farming conditions in Morrow County. Mr. Newlon says there is no doubt that the artesian area embraces some 20,000 acres, using his farm as a center. A well can be put down for about \$1200, now that they know how, and there is a lot of land for sale in this artesian belt at from \$10 to \$12.50 an acre.

"Adding the cost of the well and what laterals would be needed for flooding the land a quarter section would cost ready for farming by irrigation less than \$20 an acre. But leaving out the irrigating and supposing that the water was used only for domestic and stock purposes—Mr. Newlon has proven this year that all sorts of vegetables and farm crops can be grown there as well as in any of the dry-farming belts of the West.

He raised 35 bushels of good corn to the acre, 16 tons of corn silage to the acre, 70 bushels of oats—and the raw land can be plowed and made ready for seeding at less than \$3 an acre.

"The nearest postoffice at present is Lexington, but there is bound to be a rush of settlers in there this winter that will put old Morrow on the up-grade for fair, and there will be no lack of mail facilities or schools."

"If the reader wishes to get the location on the map he is informed that the two present flowing wells are on West 1/2 of section 29, township 1 north, range 26 east. That means three miles north and 130 miles east of Portland Postoffice; about 27 miles south and seven miles west of Irrigon."

IONE.

Frank Engleman returned from his visit to the Overland auto factory at Toledo, Ohio on Tuesday evening. He spent two days in the factory and found the manufacture of autos a very interesting process. He states that the treatment accorded the agents and representatives of the Overland was simply immense, and he had the time of his life. The weather was fine for the trip.

Work is progressing well on the L. O. F. building and it begins to look now as though it would be ready for occupancy shortly after the first of the year.

Miss Marie Cason is down from Heppner and has assumed her former position in the postoffice here, assisting Postmaster Mason in caring for the holiday rush of business.

Dr. Butler, who recently opened up a dentists office in this city, departed for Heppner on Monday, at which place he has joined with Dr. Vaughn in the practice of his profession.

Warmer weather has caused the disappearance of all our snow and now we have nothing but mud to gaze upon. There is a great abundance of moisture in the ground and this augurs well for another good harvest. Very little grain has been sown in this section, farmers being altogether too busy in getting this season's crop to market. This makes it necessary that a large amount of Spring grain will be put in. From what we have been able to learn, there will be a very large acreage sown throughout the North end.

Ed Buschke was down from his new home in the Eight Mile section on Monday. He states that there is altogether too much wet up his way just at present, which prevents the doing of any farming. People out that way are still very busy hauling their grain to the railroad.

W. B. Shaffer, of Watsburg, Wash. was in lone the first of the week looking after his land interests here. H. R. Smith farms Mr. Shaffer's place and raised a mighty fine crop there this season.

W. F. Honey, manager of the Oregon-Dakota Land Company, who has been spending several weeks at Ione, left for his home at Gresham on Tuesday. He expects to spend the remainder of the winter, together with his family, in the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Honey is greatly pleased with the results obtained on the various tracts of land farmed in this vicinity this season, and has completed arrangements to have larger tracts cultivated the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cronan arrived from Portland on Monday and are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cronan.

Emil Carlson, prominent farmer of the Gooseberry section, expects to have music at his house in the future. He took out a fine player piano yesterday and will be prepared to properly entertain his many friends during the winter evenings.

M. E. Akers is very sick at his home in Ione, and it is not expected that he will recover. He has been in poor health for years, and at this time is suffering from a severe attack of grippe. He is attended by his brother, Spencer Akers, from Heppner.

Arthur Pettys has recently purchased the residence property of Frank A. Lundell in South Ione, and has moved into the same with his family. Mr. Lundell has returned, with his wife, to their Gooseberry farm.

Miss Maud Wakefield, one of our teachers was called to her home at Creswell, Oregon, yesterday morning by the sudden death of her father. The sad news reached her just in time for her to take the train out of Ione.

J. M. Bice, a young man who has been working in and around Ione during the summer and fall, was taken to Heppner on Tuesday to be examined as to his sanity. He has been acting "queer" for some time, and was being watched quite closely by the authorities who finally concluded that he was a bit off and hence the trip to Heppner.

MORGAN.

The literary society held their third meeting at the school house last Friday evening. A very interesting program was rendered, including a debate. The next meeting will be held January 7, 1917, and it is hoped that everyone will come.

Miss Lera Githens, Lily Troedson, Oral and Bert Palmateer spent Sunday at the home of Fred Ely.

The Sunday School is planning a splendid program to be given at the school house December 23. They will also have a Christmas tree.

There will be a dance at Whitcomb's hall Friday Dec. 15, to which everyone is invited. Good music will be one of the main features of the evening.

George B. Whitcomb returned to The Dalles to look after his tractor.

BOARDMAN ITEMS.

W. A. Price left for Portland this morning. Mr. Price has been here two weeks, building a small house and barn on his homestead. He will

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THIS is the time of the year for the inspection of your buildings before Winter sets in. Just a few needed repairs now will go a long ways toward making winter quarters for your stock more comfortable.

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**Tum-A-Lumber for Coal Bins
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At the Home of "Tum-A-Lumber" the place for "Tum-A-Lump"

return about the first of February to establish his residence.

Francis Blayden went to Hermiston Friday to get some dental work done. She was a guest of Mr. R. Rands.

Mrs. J. C. Ballenger is on the sick list this week, being the victim of influenza.

John Klitz, brother of Frank Klitz, came in unexpectedly from The Dalles Wednesday.

Lee Moore drove over from Hermiston in Mr. Stromb's car Friday.