

**THE GENESEE NEWS, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25, 1898**

**HOW TO REACH THE INLAND EMPIRE**

THE Northern Pacific Railway guided by the quick intelligence and unerring judgement which foresaw the coming greatness of the Pacific Northwest, first found its way to the water of the Pacific, then, like the tendrils that support the wine, its feeders crept out into every fertile and producing district of the Northwest, making its system the most complete of any that enter this territory. Thus it has been a powerful factor in the upbuilding of this new and resourceful country. And while affording the immigrant quick and easy access to every section of a country once far remote it has opened to our products profitable markets, and thus has been made possible the wonderful growth which has marked the west since the advent of the transcontinental road. The Northern Pacific Railway with its great, picturesque trunk line and its extensive system of branch lines is a favorite with the traveling public. Its equipments are of the finest and its patrons are shown every accommodation which travel can afford. Those whose destination is any point in the Inland Empire of the great Northwest, and especially the Palouse belt, should come by this the most direct route. If you desire more information regarding this line write to A.D. Charlton Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agt., Portland, Ore., I.A. Nadeau, Gen'l Agt Seattle, Wash., F.H. Fogarty, Gen'l Agt., 208 S. (blurred) St., Chicago; or Chas. S. Fee, Gen'l Pass. and T'k't Agt St. Paul, Minnesota, who will cheerfully furnish it to you.

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115 cars of cattle, and shipments have been numerous since the first of the year. This stock goes to the Puget Sound and Alaska markets and to Nebraska and other eastern points. Buyers for these markets are numerous now and for the next year or more the demand promises to exceed the supply. Indications are that stock-raising will give large returns to those engaged therein. We present herewith a cut of some familiar scenes on a western stock ranch.

### **Land Values**

IN 1893 a thing unprecedented in this section occurred. In the midst of harvest prolonged rains came and almost the entire crop was spoiled. This loss followed an era of speculation, induced by flush times, and placed the country in financial depression following which affected the whole country. For a time hereafter lands sold very cheap and were little in demand. Cases are numerous the past year where purchasers of farm lands were able to pay the purchase price and here a neat sum left from the profits of the season's crop from the land purchased. This is not surprising when the large yields and good prices are considered. But it is a thing rarely heard of in eastern states. Naturally the prophet in farming for the last two years has led to an increase in land values and to a great demand for lands to lease. Good farm lands can be had however at from \$15 to \$25 per acre and leased at from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per acre cash rent, and for a crop rent of one-third. Most of the land for lease is on the reservation near town and usually cash rent is paid. That the farmers have prospered during the past season is evidenced by the records of mortgage cancellations. It is estimated by representatives of mortgage companies that fully \$250,000 of mortgages will be lifted in Latah county by the crop of 97'. Loan agents also say that while money to loan on farm lands is plentiful there is little demand for it, which is a healthy sign, and shows that the farmers are independent and have profited by past experience.

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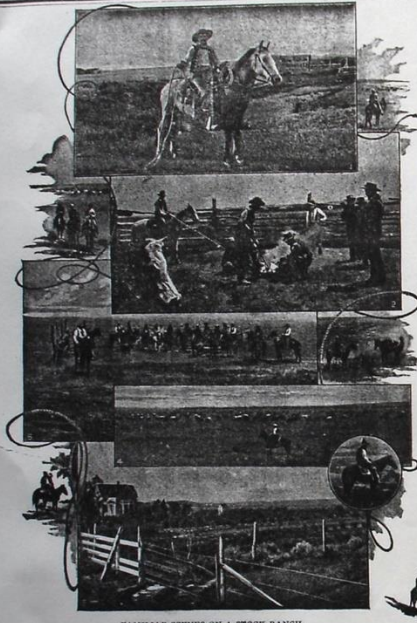
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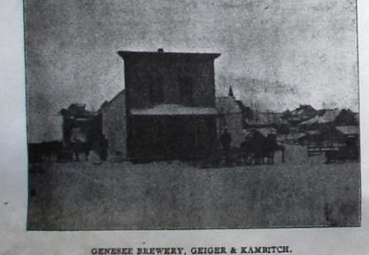
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