

Ranche and Range.

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HON. E. A. McDONALD.

The subject of our illustration was born in Ontario, Canada, and resided on a farm until he was seventeen years old, when he entered the High School at Port Perry, Canada, where he remained two years; matriculated at the University of Toronto in 1876—graduated in 1880, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After graduating, he left for his parents' home in Independence, Iowa, where he went into partnership with his brother and opened a general merchandise store at Oelwein, Iowa. The company purchased the Oelwein Creamery, and owned and operated store and creamery until 1888. Catching the Western fever he sold out and moved to Tacoma, where he now resides. Since his residence in that city Mr. McDonald has been in the wholesale butter and cheese commission business, assistant manager of the Crescent Creamery Company and president and manager of the McDonald Grocery Company. He has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Tacoma, and his name has been associated with every public enterprise of that city. He was president of the Jobbers' Association of Tacoma in 1892.

Mr. McDonald was appointed State Dairy Commissioner by Governor Rogers, on account of his practical knowledge of dairying and his business qualifications. Personally he is a gentleman of grace and good address—the kind of a man to make friends, and even while discharging stern duties commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

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A CROWNING GLORY.

The crowning glory of agricultural Eastern Washington is not its cattle nor its horses, sheep, hogs, fruits nor vegetables; it is in the fields of grain that grow in gratifying luxuriance and ripen under the warm summer sun. Extending from Walla Walla on the extreme southern part of the state around through Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, Whitman, Spokane, Lincoln and Douglas coun-

ties is a mighty crescent of grain lands, 280 miles from point to point and 500 around the semicircle which varies in width from twenty to seventy miles and contains millions of acres of the finest grain lands in the world. Including three sections—the Walla Walla, Palouse and Big Bend—this crescent produces 15,000,000 bushels of wheat and 5,000,000 bushels of barley, oats, rye and other cereals each year.—Spokane Chronicle.

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AN IMPROVED HEADER.

George W. Hull, a farm boy, and who has lived most of his life within a few miles of Colfax, has just filed a caveat with the patent office for an improved header, which he is perfecting, and which if as successful as anticipated will be a source of wealth and fame to Mr. Hull, and of lasting benefit to the farmers generally. Mr. Hull gives as the objects of his invention the ability to cut higher and lower grain than with any header now in use, to change from high to low cut or the opposite without stopping the machine, and to adjust the machine so that the platform shall always remain on a level, thereby saving the short grain, which with the machines now used often slips off when the platform is tilted down to cut low grain and is lost. He proposes arranging the spout so that it can be taken off and put on without deranging the draper, and does away with unnecessary friction by giving ball bearings to all bearings. The machine is also made so that those who prefer can have a self-binding harvester in place of a header, the harvester attachment being placed in lieu of the spout in the ordinary machine.

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The ideal weather the Northwest has had all spring makes certain the finest and most abundant crops ever known. There's millions in our fields this year.

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All nature is wreathed with smiles and the farmer's heart is buoyed up with hope.