

# ARNESON MAKES BIG LAND DEAL

**Wm. Lucht Buys 1790 Acres in  
Washington—Transfer Includes  
Griggs County Land.**

The Times is in receipt of an interesting letter from O. G. Arneson, who is now located at Spokane. He writes that the members of the family are well and that they enjoy life in the west.

Mr. Arneson enclosed a newspaper clipping which tells of a large land transaction made through him and which we copy as follows:

What real estate men say is the largest transaction in Inland Empire farms this year is reported by O. G. Arneson, 727 Peyton building. It involves the purchase of 1790 acres of wheat land  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of Harrington for \$138,725.

"The purchase was made by Wm. Lucht of Lincoln county for \$77.50 per acre," said Mr. Arneson yesterday. "James B. Sammis of Davonport, from whom the purchase was made, accepted in part payment a farm of 1633 acres in Griggs county, N. D., valuation \$57,155, or \$35 an acre. Mr. Lucht assumed a large encumbrance on the Harrington property and paid the remainder in cash. He relinquished the Dakota property that all his interests might be in the Inland Empire.

"Mr. Lucht bought a home in Spokane five or six years ago after a long period of operations in North Dakota. He came here to retire, but after a few months found idleness was no life for a man of his inclinations, so bought a farm of 640 acres near Rearden at \$65 an acre on which to exercise his surplus energies.

"The Harrington property is in Lord's valley. Almost the entire area is under cultivation, the chief exception being a stretch of meadow, watered in part by fine springs. The property is rolling and free from rocks. It is under fence, and is improved by a bungalow of ten rooms, built two years ago at a cost of \$7000, and by other structures proportionate to a property of its dimensions, value \$12,000 to \$15,000 in all.

"The ranch is reached by a good road, which is to be improved. Mr. Sammis will hold the North Dakota property as an investment. Each purchaser will retain the crop he grew this year.

"Mr. Lucht began a farming career 35 years ago on 320 acres, with three oxen, a wagon and \$300. He specialized in grain, from which all of his money has been made. Two of his sons are in the national service. I was assisted in this deal by David Wilson of Wilson & Zeale of Davonport."

Mr. Arneson located here in December last, after spending 17 years in the banking business in North Dakota and Minnesota. With his family he resides at N2511 Stevens street and is a member of Company L, N. G. W.