

works, with a capital stock of \$20,000.00, all of which was subscribed within two days from the time the stock books were opened. Work on the system will be commenced at once, and it is expected that the works will be in operation before the end of the year. Another matter in contemplation is a sewerage system. When water works and a sewer system shall have been constructed, Roseburg will be one of the best equipped municipalities in the state. Situated as it is in the midst of one of the loveliest valleys in the west, possessing a most healthful and delightful climate and surrounded by fertile and productive farms, it certainly holds out many inducements to the business man, manufacturer, farmer and fruit grower.

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#### NEWBERG AND CHEHALEM VALLEY.

THE charming Chehalem valley, lying but twenty-five miles south of the city of Portland, is undergoing rapid development and is fast becoming one of the leading fruit growing regions in the northwest, especially in the vicinity of Newberg, the commercial point of the valley, where fully twenty thousand fruit trees were set out the past year, and which has become the center of the fruit interests of that portion of the famous old county of Yamhill. Orchards are not being set out in the slovenly way so common in former days in Oregon, but are being planted with great care, both as to the selection of choice and vigorous trees and their proper transplanting and subsequent cultivation. One orchard in particular is deserving of special mention, Oak Fir orchard, the property of the proprietor of THE WEST SHORE. It contains twenty-four acres, upon which are twenty-five hundred trees, all of the most desirable market varieties. These trees are from two to four years

old and some of them will bear largely this season. Around the orchard is a neat picket fence, and in a beautiful oak grove is a splendid building spot for a residence. A large portion of the country about Newberg is being cut up into small tracts of from five to thirty acres for fruit farms, and in a few years the town will be surrounded by a large number of such fine orchards as Oak Fir. Splendid roads lead out from Newberg in all directions, along which neat and tasty residences are being erected, making the valley assume a most cheerful and homelike appearance. In a very short time, a few years at most, Chehalem valley will be one great orchard and garden, and will be visited by pleasure seekers in great numbers. In fact, preparations are already being made for the accommodation of those who will desire to visit this charming valley on Sundays. The managers of the Portland & Willamette Valley railroad have put on two extra Sunday trains between Portland and Newberg, leaving each place in the morning and returning in the evening, with a round trip fare of only one dollar. This will enable the citizens of Portland to spend Sunday in Newberg and those of the latter place to do the same in Portland. This most desirable accommodation for the public was secured by the exertions of Mr. Samuel, the proprietor of THE WEST SHORE, who secured the guaranty required by the company for the maintenance of the service the first four months. In many respects the town of Newberg is making great progress, and is growing faster than any other valley town in Oregon. At the present rate of progress it will have two thousand inhabitants in two years more. Small tracts of choice fruit lands can be secured from the Chehalem Valley Board of Immigration, at Newberg, and from private citizens, who have cut their farms up into small tracts for the purpose of selling them to individuals who will convert them into productive orchards.

