

An Ideal Orchard Site.

Eighteen years ago a man wandered into a valley in Idaho, in the center of an arid desert, and discovered the possibilities of the rich soil, watered by a small stream that flowed into the Blue Lakes.

He availed himself of the desert and act and the homestead law and acquired six hundred and forty acres of lava deposit, volcanic dust and boulders.

Today the fruit from the "Blue Lakes" farm has a reputation that is more than international. It has been awarded gold medals at the Paris exposition, at the Omaha Trans-Mississippi exhibition, and at Buffalo in competition with the most expert horticulturists of Europe and America.

The earthly paradise which this pioneer has created in the desert brings him ten thousand dollars a year.

A fine road of his own building winds up the rocky cliff over which the lumber for his first house was lowered seven hundred and fifty feet to the valley below.

The lofty lava walls which rise on every side of this favored spot shelter it from the harsh winds and nipping frosts of the high plateau, and no blight either of weather or of insects has ever fallen on the orchards of the happy valley.

Resentment at Law.

The effect of a single execution on convicts in a large prison is well known. They grow morose and sullen, and guards are doubled and trebled everywhere. The effect of a triple killing was plainly noticeable at Dannemora, New York, the other day, when the three brothers met death in the electric chair within half an hour, for the murder of their uncle. They showed their resentment in many small ways, but the most remarkable outbreak occurred at noon, when a gang of some fifty long-term men, marching along an upper tier, saw the witnesses leaving the death house. Instantly they set up the most hideous shrieking, chilling the very blood of the already wrought-up civilians. It was with difficulty that they were checked by the keeper.

Such outbreaks are not uncommon among convicts on days of execution, but for a whole company to burst into such a nerve-racking, blood-chilling rage is unusual, and not a pleasant thing for a layman to see or hear. The men were all placed in solitary confinement at once, and the other convicts, who showed signs of increasing nervousness, after this hideous yelling from above, were hustled to the dining hall in a hurry.

What is a "Concealed Weapon."

A correspondent of the Chicago Chronicle, commenting on the newspaper report that President Roosevelt, during his recent visit to Ellis Island was seen to have a revolver in his hip pocket, and was therefore guilty of carrying "concealed weapons," takes the rather novel position that a revolver cannot be classed as a "concealed" weapon.

He says: "Some twenty or thirty years ago a test case was brought in the supreme court of the state of New York, which ruled that a revolver is not a concealed weapon in the meaning of the law, concealed weapons being the weapons of the assassin, such as slungshots, brass knuckles, sword canes, daggers, sandbags, and bludgeons. Revolvers, being fire arms, consequently they cannot be used by the assassin or murderer without risk of exposure."

The Right Kind of Talk.

One member of the Portland Municipal Association talks just right about the weakness shown by Mayor Williams in setting January 1st as a time when gambling must cease in Portland: "We are prepared for our campaign; we have engaged the best attorneys and we shall insist that gambling be stopped, not on January 1st or December 1st, or when the city is financially recuperated, but now."

That is the right kind of talk when duty, right, is thrown in the balance against paltering expediency. Even the gamblers cannot but respect Mr. Honeyman in the stand he takes.

It seems a wonder that some of the Oregon newspapers do not learn, after awhile, the proper course to take when they have any good complaints at the mail service. The East Oregonian is now devoting space to a roast on the mail service, and more than likely their complaint is an un-

just one. Recently the Register, of this city, devoted a roast to the Lane county postmasters, and upon investigation it was found that the fault lay in the mailing department of the Register office. The mail service in Oregon is a superb one, and the officials will take up any complaint made to them and ferret it out. The space used by a paper in a case of this kind is worse than wasted. The head officials never see it, hence no action is taken. It is to be hoped that these useless tirades will stop, and complaints be forwarded to the proper department where proper action will be taken.

The fall of a young man in a rocked in the cradle of luxury and pampered by indulgent parents is one of the latest sensations in Portland. Admer Johnson has confessed to being a highway robber, acknowledging that he got only small amounts of money. Johnson is the son of the late A. H. Johnson, the pioneer butcher of Portland, who at one time was one of the wealthiest men of that city. His sons, including Admer, were raised in idleness and luxury. When reverses come to them through extravagant living, they having squandered all their father left them, one, Admer, the youngest son, goes upon the street at the dead of night, with pistol in hand, and becomes a common highwayman. Had he been brought up to some useful employment his life might have been different.

Target practice with Uncle Sam's big guns cost some pretty money. Sixteen shots fired from Angel Island fort in San Francisco Bay out through the Golden Gate at a floating target five miles away the other day, cost \$20,000. Any one of five shot from a giant 12-inch gun would have hit a warship bow-on, while eight of ten shots from a gun would have hit an enemy. One shot hit the target, a pyramidal chicken coop like object fifteen feet square and high. The target was kept moving back and forth by a tow-line to a tug.

Mrs. John Beam, of Mitchellville, New York, 65 years old, gave birth to twins the other day. Her daughter, who lived in the neighboring township, presented her husband with twins about the same hour. Before congratulations were finished, Mrs. Beam's grand-daughter sent word that she had just become the mother of two healthy children. The public is waiting to hear from the rest of the adult female part of the family, if there are any.

The public at large feels as though New Jersey should be taken up by the roots and thrown into the sea. With its record of trusts, mortgages, murders, etc., it has been tolerated as an integral part of the union, but now that a judge in that state has ordered a father to spank his daughter in open court for stealing eggs, the limit of human endurance would seem to have been reached.

Advertisers in the Guard get the full benefit of their expenditures because they use the paper that is read around the fireside at night. It is the home paper of Eugene and its business news is interesting to its subscribers as well as its report of the day's events. Guard readers patronize Guard advertisers in preference to the non-advertising business men.

Another "flying" machine that did not fly. The constructor was careful, though, in starting it from a track seventy feet above the Potomac river. It went just so far as the momentum carried it, then dropped into the river. Instead of an exciting trip through the air the inventor got a ducking.

Mayor Williams of Portland has given the chief of police orders to increase the monthly assessment levied on gambling houses as the price of their doing business. There is money in it for the city, but such partnership with vice—indirectly of sin and crime—is very questionable.

Albany papers are not commenting on the increase of the Albany post-office receipts for the past year. We wonder why?

Reason for Shame.

Colonel Blood, Congressman Mims is terribly out up about his being found drunk in the street in Washington. Major Bagdad sir: Should think he might be! The policeman who arrested him was a nigger!

TERRIFIC DOWNPOUR OF WATER

Six Inches Fell at New York in 24 Hours.

Suburban Traffic Completely Demoralized--Streets and Basements Filled with Water.

New York, Oct. 9, 1 p. m.—The most terrific down pour of rain ever experienced in this city has been falling for the past twenty-four hours with no signs of subsiding.

At eight o'clock this morning more than six inches had fallen. Many commuter's trains have been abandoned and there is almost complete cessation of traffic on suburban lines.

The Bronx River has overflowed its banks, flooding many wholesale houses and banks in the wholesale district. Basements throughout the city have been flooded in hundreds of instances. The loss to goods from this source will be immense.

Five houses were drowned and two women narrowly escaped drowning in Wallabout.

Firemen, called to a fire, had to go into water five feet deep while the heads and backs of the horses only showed above the water.

Hundreds of families are imprisoned in Harrison street and rafts are being used to supply the people with food. The damage in that section alone will exceed \$100,000.

Scanton, Pa., Oct. 10.—This city is flood-bound today. The Lackawanna river is a raging torrent and many of the largest bridges have been swept away.

The city is tied up, no street cars being able to run because of the power house being under several feet of water.

Nearly all of the factories are also under water and have been compelled to shut down.

The only railway running trains is the Delaware & Hudson, which has but one track open.

AT PATERSON. Paterson, N. J., Oct. 10.—This city is still in the throes of the flood. The water is steadily rising. The high water mark of 1902, when the damage was appalling, will likely be passed.

Hundreds of families are being driven from their homes. The water in some places is above the first story on the houses.

The mayor has hired the Apollo hall, which is being used as a place of refuge. Many were taken there this morning who had not tasted food for nearly a day.

All the silk mills are shut down. The Rogers locomotive works are flooded and are idle. Nearly all the railroads are tied up. The light plant is disabled and the city will be without light tonight. The property loss is already very large.

FROM PASSAIC, N. J. Passaic, N. J., Oct. 10.—The Weasel river overflowed this morning, washing over a long stretch of country Erie and Daltonville are submerged. It is believed that no lines are lost. This town is completely deserted. The Passaic creek continues to rise and the damage is increasing hourly. The city will be in darkness tonight. The city officials held a meeting to provide measures for the relief of the flood sufferers.

STORM OVER New York, Oct. 10.—The storm is believed to be over. Nearly 10 1/2 inches of rain fell here, breaking all previous records.

AT PHILADELPHIA. Philadelphia, Oct. 10.—Philadelphia is cut off from the outside world today. All trains between here and New York have been abandoned.

In the Mayank mill district all establishments are closed, water from the Schuylkill river flooding the free. The Delaware river is filled with debris and floating houses and barns from the farming districts. The storm has abated.

WORST EVER KNOWN. Point Jervis, N. Y., Oct. 10.—The worst flood ever known in the Delaware and Neversink rivers is raging today.

The larger portion of Lower Port Jervis and suburbs is under water. Hundreds have been rescued from their homes with boats.

The bridge across the Delaware collapsed while three men were on it, two of them being drowned.

Railroad traffic is partially suspended. The damage will reach well into the hundreds of thousands.

Easton, Pa., Oct. 10.—The Delaware river rose twenty feet here last night. It is higher than ever before known. The damage is unprecedentedly heavy in this vicinity.

ONE DROWNING REPORTED.

Paterson, N. J., Oct. 10.—The Delaware river reached a stage this

afternoon, the highest ever known. Streets in the low-lying section of the city are under two to six feet of water.

The damage to mills, factories and residence property will be enormous. One case of drowning is reported.

COTTAGE GROVE REMAINS "OPEN"

Sensational Charges Made Against The City's Officials--Will Not Tax Gambling.

Cottage Grove, Oct. 9.—In view of the statements made by Mr. King in the mass meeting at the Christian church last Sunday night, held in regard to the opera house, and the further statement that he would appear before the city council at its next meeting, created considerable interest and a large attendance of citizens when the council was called to order. Mr. King was not present, but for all that the meeting of the council was a lively one and something was done at every move by the councilmen, which interested those present as well as the lawmakers themselves.

Mr. King made the statement at the union mass meeting that nearly every law on the statute books was being openly violated, specifically stating that the city marshal was collecting a monthly contribution of \$5 from each of the inmates of the houses of ill fame, and that the city did not get a cent of the money, and city officials were dividing and pocketing the proceeds of this kind of business and that he would meet with the council and find out if there was any record of the city treasury having ever received any part of this money. The city officials, of course, deny the charges and are insisting that Mr. King go on with his investigations.

GAMBLING NOT TAXED. Yet, while this matter did not come up, there was plenty of other matters of interest before the council. A motion was made that in view of the fact that gambling was carried on openly and extensively in this city, it was ordered by ordinance that each and every gambling table of whatever character be made to pay a license of \$10 a month each. There was considerable discussion of this project pro and con and when it came to a vote the councilmen stood a tie. This put Mayor Veatch in the breach and he voted nay. Hence it is supposed that the gambling will be allowed to continue as in the past without the city deriving a cent of profit from the business, as no attempt has ever been made to enforce the present city ordinance against gambling.

JACK FOST IN NEVADA

Known to be Within a Few Miles of Winnemucca on a Jaded Horse.

Winnemucca, Nev., [Oct. 9.—Jack Frost, the desperado, who killed two men at White Horse, Harney county, Oregon, Sunday morning and escaped across the line into Nevada is still at large but is known to be within a few miles of Winnemucca on a jaded horse and out of food supplies. His capture is looked for at any time.

One of the most determined men on his trail is a deputy sheriff from Harney county, who was present when Frost started to leave the scene of the double murder. Frost held the deputy covered, and threatened to shoot him dead if he did not obey, compelled him to approach and kiss him good-bye.

ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Two Escaped Folsom Convicts Arraigned at Sacramento Today.

Sacramento, Oct. 9.—Convicts Wood and Murphy, two of the escapes from Folsom penitentiary in the recent break, were arraigned in the superior court this morning on the charge of murder. A prison guard was killed by the escaping prisoners. The case went over till tomorrow to allow the men a chance to procure counsel.

Captured Outlaws.

Oliver, S. D., Oct. 8.—A citizen's posse pursuing three burglars who blew open the county treasurer's safe early this morning, killed one of the trio and captured; the others. The men have not been identified.

Free Legal Advice.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—The Legal Aid Society has been incorporated to furnish free legal services and protect the rights of the poor.

Rain in California.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—The first general rain of the season is falling today. Up to noon four-hundredths of an inch had fallen.

VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

Earthquake and Eruption in Mountains Sept. 11.

An Exploring Party Met Exciting Experience--Steam Still Issuing From Crevices.

St. Helens, Or., Oct. 9.—W. T. White, an explorer, just in from the mountains, makes a report of an earthquake and eruption on September 11th. He was in company with U. S. Engineer Kent and two brothers named Miller.

On that date while they were in the mountains several trees were uprooted by the earthquakes and their two horses stampeded. When the men went to search for them they were met by big explosions. White says steam is still issuing from hundreds of crevices.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION

B. F. Sanders Killed Near Myrtle Creek Yesterday.

Albert Potts and Frank Dunning Badly Injured--Were Working in a Sawmill.

Roseburg Or., Oct. 9.—Benjamin F. Sanders was almost instantly killed and Albert Potts and his brother-in-law, Frank T. Dunning, badly injured as the result of the explosion of a boiler in Potts Brothers' sawmill ten miles east of Myrtle Creek, about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Dunning sustained a broken arm and shoulder and other injuries of an internal nature. His condition is very serious. Potts' injuries consist of bruises about the head and body and are not considered dangerous. Medical aid for the injured men was at once dispatched from Myrtle Creek and Canyonville and Dr. G. E. Houck went out from Roseburg. To what cause the explosion is due has not yet been learned. The mill was badly wrecked.

Sanders was in charge of the engine and boiler. He was about 35 years of age, married and had one child. A short time ago he had been commissioned postmaster at Nugget, the name of the locality where the mill is situated. His wife attended to the postoffice while he was employed at the mill. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sanders, of Drain, and was at one time a member of the Roseburg militia.

WHOLESALE POISONING

Drinking Water at Military Post Poisoned by Micro-creant.

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An Eastern Oregon White Woman Disgraces Herself and Family.

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The negro was formerly a "bouncer" at Blazier's notorious resort in Portland. He first met Mrs. Hutchinson in La Grande and later followed her to Summerville, where it appears he consorted with her for a month. The woman's husband never suspected anything as he had never seen the pair together until their arrest. The negro explained to the officers that he is a solicitor.

CHANGE IN RECEPTION CAFE

Mac Sommerville has leased to T. C. Lukey for a term of years his share of the Reception Cafe, the well known men's resort. Mr. Lukey, who has been connected with the place for five years, and has been manager for some time, is thoroughly acquainted with the business. He and George Berger will conduct the place hereafter.

FIRST BAND CONCERT OF SEASON

The Eugene band management is arranging to give the first band concert of the season at a date not yet

decided upon in the latter part of this month. The band began practicing for the event last night. Under the able direction of J. J. Hughes, an excellent program will be rendered, judging from the concert given in the past by the organization under another name, that of the Fourth Regiment band.

Military Review.

Camp Young, Ky., Oct. 9.—This, the last day of the Military encampment, was noted by a review of the troops by General Kobbe. Ten thousand troops comprising infantry and cavalry, both of the regular army and National Guard, formed on the long plateau bordering the Ohio river. They presented a most formidable appearance.

PRIMARY LAW IS HIS HOBBY

Senator G. C. Brownell Wants to Abolish All Conventions.

Will Introduce His Primary Bill at the Next Session of the Legislature.

(Daily Guard, October 9.) State Senator Geo. C. Brownell, the famous Clackamas county politician, arrived in Eugene yesterday afternoon, transacted some business with a client, spent the night here, and left on this afternoon's train for home.

A Guard reporter was accorded a short interview with the senator at the Hotel Smeede this morning. In his usual pleasant and agreeable manner he talked of various matters in the political world, but said that there was nothing particularly new to give out. In speaking of the Oregon delegation in congress, he said that he thought the members of the delegation would soon get down to a harmonious working basis. "It is necessary for them to do so to accomplish any thing for the state," said the senator.

When asked if he was not a candidate for the appointment of U. S. district attorney, Mr. Brownell declared emphatically that he was not. "No," he said, "to become a Federal office holder kills a man politically and I want to stay in politics for a while yet."

HIS PRIMARY LAW.

"My ambition is to go back to the legislature—I am a hold-over—where I intend to introduce my primary bill and devote most of my time to secure its passage. My idea is to abolish all state and county conventions and in this way secure only good men for our public offices. For instance, if a man wants to run for state senator, county judge or any other office, let him place himself before the people. Primaries will then be held and whoever gets the largest vote will be placed on the ticket. This is the only way we can outdo the 'machines' in politics and place good, clean men in office. If my bill doesn't pass at the next session of the legislature I will work until it does pass and then you can look for a great change in Oregon politics."

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A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT

A Man Accidentally Kills His Little Daughter at Cumberland, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 9.—A frightful accident occurred at Cumberland, B. C., yesterday. Ex-Mayor Carthew was gone hunting, accompanied by his son and 8-year-old daughter. He was about to shoot and turned to warn the boy, when the gun was discharged, the load striking the little girl full in the chest. She died in her father's arms a few minutes later. Carthew is almost despondent over the awful accident.

RUSSIA HOLDS MANCHURIA

Rushing Construction Work on Extensive Government Buildings.

Great Army and Navy Demonstration Before Port Arthur Prior to Fleet Sailing for Korea.

FIRE AT COTTAGE GROVE

H. C. Veatch's Barn Burned This Morning at 4 O'clock.

(Guard Special Service.) Cottage Grove, Oct. 9.—H. C. Veatch's barn burned to the ground this morning at 4 o'clock, and with it harness, saddles, a hack and a good horse.

Tramps frequent the barn and sleep in the hay, and Mr. Veatch found a bottle of whisky in the hay later. It is supposed that some half-drunken man set the fire carelessly.

Mr. Veatch estimates the loss at near \$2000, with no insurance. The hose teams were on hand in good time after the alarm, but the fire had gained such headway before discovery that nothing was saved but a cow, and they had to see the poor horse burn to death.

It is high time this town looked in a few loads of rock and saw sledges and put every tramp to rest who ventures within the city limits. They literally over-run the town and commit many nuisances, besides endangering property with their pipes and cigarettes.

KNIGHTS' ANNIVERSARY BALL

Helmet Lodge Will Celebrate 13th Anniversary on November 6th.

At the regular meeting of Helmet Lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias, last night it was voted to observe the 13th anniversary of the lodge by giving a grand ball in the armory.

The following committee was appointed on arrangements: J. W. Hamlin, P. E. Taylor, J. N. Wood, S. W. Taylor, and G. W. Griffin.

The anniversary of the organization of the lodge is Nov. 8th, but as the date comes on Sunday, it was decided to give the ball on Friday night, Nov. 6th.

Lovers of the Terpsichorean art will recall with pleasure the former successes of Helmet Lodge in this line and have confidence in the committee's ability to arrange an equally successful affair this year.

ANOTHER NEW STORE FOR EUGENE

Eastern Clothing Company Will Open Up in the Sanders Building.

The Eastern Clothing Company of Portland has engaged the east part of the Sanders building at the Eighth and Charnelton streets and will at once install a stock of clothing therein.

They were forced out of their building in Portland by another party being in over their heads. They had place to move to in the city, so moved to Eugene. They will offer some bargains when they open up on the 15th. They placed a large advertisement in this week's Weekly Guard, and will advertise in the daily papers.

Department Resignation.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Henry A. Castle, auditor of the postoffice department, has handed in his resignation. It was accepted. Castle was appointed from Minnesota.