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Thaw's second trial for the killing of Sanford White will be thrashed out through the courts in New York, beginning on December 2.

Nothing adds more to the appearance and value of property than cement side walks—a fad that seems to have struck our town very forcibly in the past few weeks. True, the cost of a cement walk is more on the start but its durability, if properly made, is indefinite.

The matter of selling eggs by weight probably will never be taken up in a serious way. A large egg brings no more than the small one when sold by count, which the producer of large eggs does not think is right, but all hands would be suspicious of selling eggs by weight. By count it is easy to know the exact quantity sold, but by weight there would be a chance for the old cry of, "he cheated me on the weight of those eggs."

The dates for the Yamhill county apple show that was to be held in McMinnville on the 4, 5 and 6 of November, has been changed to Thursday, October 31, and November 1 and 2. Owing to lack of space we cannot give a full account in this issue, but promise a full account in next week's paper. In the meantime it is hoped that everyone interested in the fruit industry will lend a helping hand to make Yamhill's apple show a success.

If a single reader of this paper has failed to write letters to some old friend, acquaintance, relative or other person who may be benefited by coming to Oregon, he should write today. The colonist rates close October 31st and if you want your letter to get results it must be forwarded at once. The rates are \$25 from Missouri River points, St. Paul, Winnipeg, and all the country adjacent; \$30 from St. Louis and \$33 from Chicago, with a reduction of \$2.50 to points east of Umatilla. Similar rates from every other point in the United States.

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, whose financial transactions culminated in the wrecking of an Oberlin, Ohio bank, died in the Ohio penitentiary on October 10th. As will be remembered, Mrs. Chadwick went to different banks and many capitalists making loans and paying not only high interests to the banks, but heavy bonuses to the bank officials who loaned her money. The extent of these transactions ran into the millions and probably will never be definitely known. She was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary in 1905, and the disgrace no doubt hastened her death.

The writer, while in conversation with a fellow townsman a few days ago, was discussing property values, when the gentle remark that property had not advanced in Newberg as rapidly as it had in a certain other town in the state. Almost in the same breath he told of a certain lot on Main street that was bought for \$275 four or five years ago and the owners had recently refused \$1500 for the same lot. Newberg has never had a Southern California boom—neither does it care for one. Steady and normal growth places any town on a solid foundation—and this is what Newberg has always had.

From the Sage Pains.

Editor Graphic—As per your request I will try and give you a minute description of this part of the country, known as The Big Desert, but they are dropping the word "desert" now to some extent and it will be known as the Fort Rock Valley in the near future. There is a rim of rock in this valley that covers forty acres of land with perpendicular walls—some say 300 feet high and is almost circular in shape with an entrance to the south with about 25 acres inside the rock that is tillable. Hence the name.

CLIMATE.

As the elevation is 4300 feet, the nights are cool, but the days are warm and full of sunshine in summer. This has been the coldest summer this country has experienced in many years. The winters are not as severe as one would think as there are thousands of stock that winter on the plains that never see hay or grain and are in good condition at the end of winter, in fact fatter than some I have seen on the blocks in butcher shops in the Willamette—not saying anything against the valley. The winters are full of sunshine also, according to the old settlers' stories. There is an average of about twenty-five inches of rain for the season with the snow fall.

SOIL.

The soil is a volcanic ash with just enough sand to make it the finest soil in the state to handle. Clods are unknown and would irrigate nicely if such was needed but there is enough moisture to produce most all kinds of crops without irrigation. The soil is from eighteen to twenty-four inches deep, and there is no rock at all in the valley, but the mountains have rock in abundance.

CROPS.

As this part of the country has been held by stockmen, (also in the reserve until March of this year) and no railroad near to get to market, all the grain that is grown is for home consumption. For grain, barley and oats are grown; for hay, rye, oats, barley and wheat. As there is no market for wheat there are only a few that raise it for chickens. Vegetables of all hardy nature are grown. The writer measured a turnip three weeks ago that measured thirty-one inches in circumference. Of course all turnips here are not so large, but they grow as large as I ever saw anywhere. Ruta-bagas, cabbage, lettuce, radishes, beets, peas, carrots and parsnips grow as well here as I ever saw anywhere. Potatoes do well most of the time. This season was too cold for a large yield but they have done very well. Strawberries do, well and gooseberries and currants do fine. Fruit is not a sure crop every year and when there is any it is free from the codlin moth, scale or spot. At Summer Lake, a distance of thirty miles where there has been a settlement several years, fruits and all kind of vegetables grow in abundance, and as the soil is cultivated here it will not be so cold and there will be more tender vegetables grown and especially fruits.

WATER.

Water has been found whenever dug for. The writer's well is only twelve feet deep and the water is almost ice cold and as soft as Newberg spring water—in fact all the water in this section of the country is soft and can be had from four to twenty feet. There was one well about fifteen miles north-east of us in another valley that was dug seventy feet before they got water, but that is the only deep well I know of. One of my neighbors that has just arrived got water at four feet—in fact there is sheet water all over this valley.

For the benefit of those that have made the remark that we would dry up and starve out,

will say, with the present outlook, and with wild game very plentiful, that the one who goes hungry is very tired indeed.

J. T. RHOTON,
Silver Lake, Oregon, 10-5-07.

The Public Library.

We all believe in public libraries. We frequently discuss the library we are to get "bye and bye." We do not find that it is helping the boys and girls who are growing up in our town now. Will the next generation need it more than this? Will the children of the next generation be dearer to us than this—than the boys and girls that now cheer our firesides? Will they use the library better because their parents have not had such a privilege.

We all want a library, for ourselves, for our neighbors, for the good name of our town. Why not get it now and be getting the good out of it? It is only a question of method. The library when established should benefit all the people, therefore it should be established by all the people. Give us all a chance to help and then the library will belong to all of us. We are waiting to hear from others.

Notice.

We believe that the Apostle Peter has given us the true basis of theology, Acts 3: 19-23, and that it is time to eliminate the errors that have been handed down to us from the dark ages, Matt 13: 25, 39, and that we make the Gospel what it purports to be. "Good News" Luke 2: 10. A few sermons along this line, of the Ranson, and Restitution will be delivered in Crater's hall, October 23 and 24 at 7.30 p. m. All are invited, no collection.

Use the knowledge you have and you will have all you can use.

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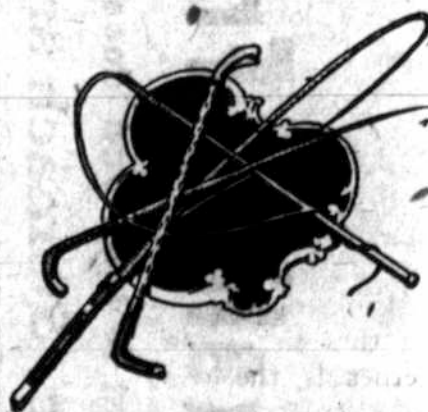
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