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A portrait of Mr. Limeroth and Mrs. Limeroth appears between pages 416 and 417.

PAULUS LIMEROTH, the pioneer settler of Christman Hollow, Wasco county, resides six miles southeast of Dufur. He was born in Hesse-Cassel, Prussia, January 8, 1843, the son of John and Martha (Volland) Limeroth, both natives of Germany.

Our subject received an excellent education in the graded schools of Hesse-Cassel, and then made a special study of gardening in an extensive nursery, where he obtained a thorough knowledge of horticulture, floriculture and general gardening, plain and ornamental. When he was twenty-four years of age he came to the United States, having previously served three years in the German army, seeing two months of active service in the Austro-Prussian war. Arriving in New York city he found employment as a gardner at College Point, where he planted over four thousand trees, and interested himself in other work that contributed toward making College Point one of the most beautiful suburban towns of Gotham. In 1868 our subject for a short period worked as a florist in New York city, and following that he was foreman in a new nursery near Hemstead, Long Island. July 4, 1868, he embarked for California, via the Isthmus. Remaining there about one year he went to Central America in the capacity of botanist for different European governments. In Germany he had studied botany under an eminent professor, and in this science he is, doubtless, the peer of any one in the United States. Returning to San Francisco in 1870 he found employment with various florists, and one year thence he went to Portland where he installed a floral nursery on Morrison street. This business he disposed of in the spring of 1876. The previous year Mr. Limeroth had laid out the grounds around the Portland postoffice, making a handsome and attractive park from an unsightly rock-pile. He then came to Wasco county, locating near his present place, and with George Wells engaged in the sheep business. Later he was alone in the business five years. He secured a half section of railroad land upon which he at present resides. He owns one thousand seven hundred and forty acres, seven hundred acres of which are tillable, and one hundred and sixty acres timber land. He has a substantial two-story residence, surrounded by fruit and shade trees. At present he has seventy-five head of Poland China hogs, and winters about one hundred head of cattle. In 1893 the trees surrounding the court house at The Dalles were in a shocking condition, and he succeeded in converting the place into one of the handsomest spots in the city.

Mr. Limeroth has one brother, Ernest, a tailor in New York city. He had one sister, Katherine, who died in New York. At San Francisco, January 6, 1871, Mr. Limeroth was married to Mrs. Eliza Feld, born October 29, 1838, at Rinda-Hesse, Prussia. Her parents were Helvig and Alice (Siecliner) Bott, of Germany. Mrs. Limeroth has two brothers living, John, a silk weaver in Germany, and Philip, a baker in London, England. Three other brothers are deceased, George, John and Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Limeroth have two children, Edward and Albert, Wasco county farmers. By her first husband Mrs. Limeroth has two children living, Lizzie, widow of John Easton, and Frances, wife of Benjamin Pratt, of Wasco county, living twelve miles southeast of Dufur.

Politically Mr. Limeroth is independent. While he was in Columbia, Central America, he made a number of valuable botanical discoveries, attracting the attention of eminent scientists in Europe.

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