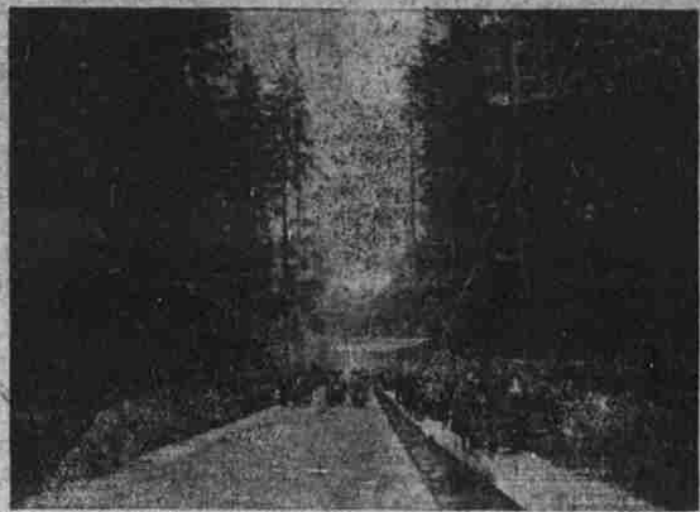


# Scenes at Gearhart Park "By-the-Sea"

## Where Winners in the Observer Contest will be Entertained :: :: ::



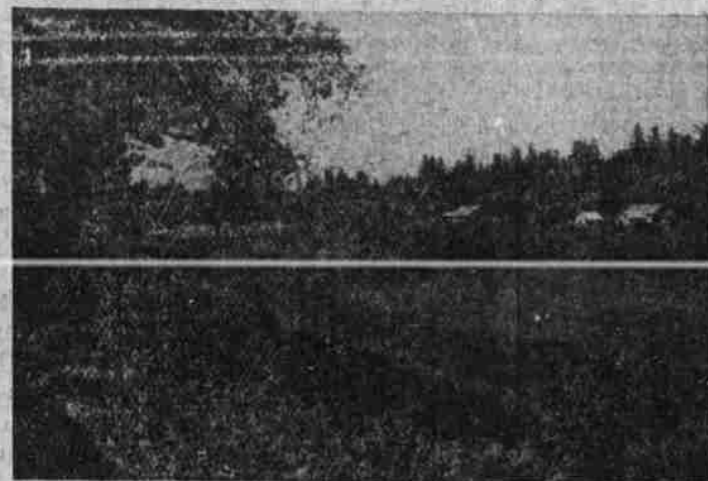
Many a jolly crowd walks Sixth street to the Ocean Beach.



Miles of green lane embower the right of way of the Astoria & Columbia River railway from Portland to the sea coast. For 80 miles the train is in view of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, giving fine panorama of shipping.



Inland waterways make safe boating at Gearhart Park, "By-the-Sea."



The celebrated Gearhart Park dairy ranch, which furnishes the cream for the tables at Gearhart Park Hotel.



A corner in the large main dining room at Hotel Gearhart, where contest winners will dine.

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### MAKE VACANT LOTS USEFUL.

Get the Owners to Lead Them to People to Cultivate.

### PHILADELPHIA TRIES PLAN.

Quaker City Association Succeeds in Getting Poor Families to Grow Vegetables on Borrowed Land—City Also Takes Up "Farming."

Every town has vacant lots which are eyesores to the community. Some of them are used as rubbish dumps and are littered with tin cans, garbage, ashes and other unsightly things. Others are covered with rank weeds. If these lots were planted to useful vegetables or beautiful flowers how much more attractive would they be!

Why not get busy and transform such lots into gardens and make them look ornamental instead of unsightly? Get the owners to lend their unused land to the poor, who will be glad to cultivate it and raise vegetables.

The splendid work of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation association is ably exemplified in the fourteenth annual report.

Last year the association conducted 355 family gardens on vacant lots.

The land under cultivation was loaned by generous owners. They were not using it, and the association bound itself to return possession to them when they desired to put it to use or sale.

The harrowing, plowing and all necessary preparation for the cultivation were carried on by the association, and about one-sixth of an acre was turned over to each family. The families spread the fertilizer, planted the seed, cultivated the growing crops and gathered their mature produce. They took to their homes what was necessary for their tables and sold the surplus, insuring fresh vegetables for home consumption and a snug income.

The association plans to carry on this work the coming summer, and they are overwhelmed by the new applications received daily from those anxious to raise crops.

Owners of vacant lots in Kansas City, Mo., who would like to see them blossom like the rose without any labor on the owner's part can get some information as to how it may be done by communicating with the home gardening committee of the City club. The committee, which obtained such good results last year, now is preparing for its spring campaign, which is to be opened with a general cleanup

day, the date of which has not been fixed.

"While it is a little too early to plant, it is not too early to begin to think about preparing the ground," W. C. Winsborough, vice chairman of the committee, said. "As the prepara-



Photo by E. Mahoney.

### HEAD OF CABBAGE GROWN ON TOWN LOT.

tion of the ground involves a cleanup of the winter's accumulations of rubbish, we are co-operating with the board of health to make that operation a thorough one this year."

The distribution of seeds will be through the schools, as last year. One of those gardens, cultivated by two boys, yielded a \$75 crop of potatoes.

An effort is being made to interest the real estate exchange in the work, and through that agency the committee hopes to get in touch with owners of tracts that can be cultivated by volunteer labor.

"It's just as easy," Mr. Winsborough said, "to grow vegetables on a vacant lot as it is to grow tin cans and ashes, and we will leave it to the owner to say which crop makes the best appearance and enhances most the value of his land."

Selection of vegetables which it will be worth while to grow under conditions unfavorable as to soil requires study and patience. Experience in gardening under such conditions has proved the following vegetables to be profitable in the order here given:

First, the round red radishes, which should be sown in a row not more than fifteen feet long at one time or there will be more than can well be disposed of.

Next, the loose leaf lettuces, notably the Hanson variety. Make sowings a month apart to obtain succession. Tomatoes are profitable next in order. Set out tomato plants if it is possible to get them. They can be easily raised in a hotbed. Prune them when a good crop is set so they will ripen.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take laxative bromo quinine tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

### Notice of Street Improvement.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 1st day of December, 1909, creating improvement district No. 10, and designating Greenwood avenue as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 12th day of April, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Greenwood street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon macadam roadway 40 feet wide, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Greenwood street, from the north line of O. & W. R. R. to the south line of T avenue.

(A) And the property affected or benefitted by said improvement is as follows:

All the west half of blocks 152, 148, 147, 123 and 120 and the east half of blocks 151, 149, 124 and 121, all in Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$5,615.40. That the council will on the 17th day of May, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, May 5th, 1911. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. May 5 to 17.

### Notice of Street Improvement.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 18th day of August, 1909, creating improvement district No. 7, and designating Monroe avenue as such district and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 12th day of April, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Monroe avenue in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by building cement walks 5 feet wide, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Monroe avenue, from the east line of North Fir street, to the west line of North Spruce street.

(A) And the property affected or

benefitted by said improvement is as follows: All the north half of blocks 122, 123 and 124 and the south half of block 147 and 149, all in Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of 2,128.35. That the council will on the 17th day of May, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

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