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GOVERNMENT EXPERTS GIVE VALUED HINTS

The following is the first of a series of articles on planting, pruning and caring for lawns and roses, etc., prompted by hints from the government experiment stations at Washington—Ed.

Many La Grande garden lovers who are envious of their neighbors' earlier blooms fail to realize that they can do many things even in February to give some of their plants an earlier start. Those who own hotbeds or cold frames, the specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture say, should see to it that their annual flowering plants are started at once. This advice applies to those flowers to be used later in beds and to those grown for cut flowers.

Sweet Pea Advice
Certain other flowers do or do not do well if they are transplanted. Therefore should be sown only in the open ground or beds where the plants are to grow. The varieties which it is best to sow in a permanent location are:

California poppy, Candytuft, corn flower, Forget-me-nots, Lobelia, Nemophila (shade), Phlox drummondii, Sun-flower, Sweet peas.

Sweet peas should be in the ground as soon as it is dry enough to work. The soil should be spaded up and well prepared and then a trench should be dug 4 inches deep; in the bottom of this the peas should be planted about 2 inches apart. When the peas are to be grown over chicken wire or brush stuck in the ground it is customary to sow them in two parallel rows, 6 or 8 inches apart. In this way on the same amount of trelis double the number of plants can be grown with satisfactory results. Sweet peas thrive best in a cool, moist climate. Because of this it is especially desirable to sow very early in the spring.

Poppy Rules Different
Poppies may be sown directly on the surface of ground that was prepared last fall. If the bed was not prepared at that time, it should be spaded up as soon as the ground is dry enough, and the poppy seed sown evenly over the surface. The seed should be slightly covered by drawing the back of the rake over the bed. Poppies do not stand transplanting, and must be sown where they are to bloom. Care should be taken to distribute the seed evenly and not in bunches, for if there is much disturbance of the roots at the time of thinning, the plants will not do so well as when left undisturbed. The Shirley poppy, a very showy and attractive variety, may be obtained in many colors. The individual blossoms, however are very short lived and as compared with many other plants its blooming season is short. The plants are so attractive when in bloom, however, that they are well worth planting. A succession of sowings will prolong the blooming season.

The California poppy should also be sown early but does not require as early sowing as the other poppies. It is handsome and will bloom during a longer period than the Shirley poppy.

The other plants in the list may be sown in a seed bed and be transplanted from there to the permanent location, but it is usually better to sow the seed in the permanent location.

Plant Lady Slippers Late
Balsams or lady's slippers, castor beans and Portulaca also are best sown where they are to grow but they should not be put in the ground until it is warm enough to grow beans and tomatoes well, that is, about the time corn is coming up or oak leaves are half grown. These plants could be grown in a cold frame previous to this date, but there is little to be gained from this method. Farmers' Bulletin 195 treats fully of these plants.

Hot-Bed List Big
Some of the flowers which give particularly good results if started in hotbeds or cold frames are:

Ageratum, Alyssum, Aster, Calceola or Pot marigold, Calliopsis, Campanula, Castor bean, Chrysanthemum, Cockscomb, Cosmos, Four-o'clock, Godetia, Marigold, Petunia, Sweet William, Scotch pink, Scarlet Sage, and Verbena.

was overruled by Judge Galloway in the circuit court here yesterday. This suit with several others was filed by the attorney general to recover school land alleged to have been secured by fraud in 1898-99 by F. A. Hyde. The total value of the land involved is approximately \$500,000.

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Notice of Re-Assessment.
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the preliminary re-assessment for the improvement of North Second street from the north property line of W avenue to the center of Lake avenue made by the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon under and in accordance with the Resolution of the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, passed and adopted on the 26th day of January, A. D., 1916, which resolution directed the Recorder of said City to make and file with the Commission of said City a preliminary re-assessment upon the property specially benefited by the improvement heretofore made, of said North Second street from the north property line of W avenue (formerly Harding street) to the center line of Lake avenue (formerly Lake street) in Re-assessment District Number Twenty Seven, has been made by the said Recorder, and the same is now on file in his office and that on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1916, at the Commission Room in the City Building at La Grande, Oregon, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., the Commission of said City will hear and consider objections to such re-assessment must be filed in writing with the Recorder of said City before the time for such hearing.

The boundaries of the district so assessed are as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point on the center line of Lake avenue (formerly Lake street) in Rynearson's Addition to La Grande, Union County, Oregon according to the plat of said Addition now of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Union County, Oregon, where a line running north and south through the center of Block Nine of the said Rynearson's Addition intersects the center line of said Lake avenue, and running thence south along the line running through the center of Block Nine of the said Rynearson's Addition and a line running through the center of the alleys running north and south through Blocks 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Riverside Addition to La Grande, according to the plat of said Addition, now of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Union County, Oregon, to the center of Harrison avenue in said Addition and thence southeasterly along the center line of said Harrison avenue to the intersection of said line with the center line of W avenue (formerly Harding street) in said Riverside Addition; thence East along the center line of said W avenue to a point thereon where said line intersects the line running north and south through the center of the alleys running north and south through blocks 11, 8, 7, 4, 3, 16 and 15 of said Riverside Addition, and running thence north from the center line of said W avenue on a line running through the center of the alleys in said Blocks 11, 8, 7, 4, 3, 16 and 15 of said Riverside Addition and a line running north and south through the center of Block Four of the said Rynearson's Addition, to the center line of Lake avenue, and thence west along the center line of said avenue to place of beginning.

Dated this February 7th, A. D., 1916.
LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.
—Adv. D.—Feb. 7-14-21-28.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.
Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an Execution and Order of Sale of heretofore attached real and personal property, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Umatilla, bearing date the 11th day of Feb., 1916, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in said Court on the 24th day of September, 1915, in a suit wherein Henry T. Hill is plaintiff and J. F. Temple, Jr., and Nettie Temple are defendants, said judgment being in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendants, for the sum of \$3047.30 with interest from September 24th, 1915, at 5 per cent per annum; and \$300.00 attorney fees, and costs and disbursements taxed at \$33.10.

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