

### GIVE ATTENTION TO GARDEN PLOT

Likely to Be Most Profitable Acreage on Farm for Producing Food for Family.

### REFUSE SHOULD BE REMOVED

Considerable Increase in Farm Income Can Be Made by Sale of Young Plants in Hotbeds Ready for Transplanting.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Whether it is conducted on an extensive scale to supply the market or whether it is to produce food for the family the garden plot is likely to be the most profitable acreage on the farm.

Any rubbish, dead vines or plants, and bean poles or tomato stakes should be cleared away.

The earliest and choicest vegetables are harvested by the man who maintains a few hotbed sashes and uses them to start his garden. He is able to handpick the frost line by several weeks, and to set strong, well-developed plants in his garden at a time his neighbors are planting seed.

**Increase Farm Income.** The farm income is at its lowest point in the early spring, but it can be increased considerably by the sale of young plants grown in the hotbeds and ready for transplanting. Tomato, cabbage, eggplant, and pepper plants are always snapped up when the first warm planting days come, and they are easily grown in the hotbed. A little more space and a little more seed than the grower needs for his own use are likely to bring good profits. Before the ground freezes in the fall is a good time to clean out the old hotbeds.

Unless the soil used in the hotbed is to be exchanged for fresh earth it should be shoveled from the bed and tossed into a pile nearby. The decayed manure from the bottom is scattered over the pile and thoroughly mixed with it to form rich soil for next year's beds. Over this goes a coat of straw or leaves held down by bits of board to keep it from blowing.

Some farmers find it convenient to use evergreen boughs instead of straw for the outer covering.

**Hotbed Should Face South.** New hotbed pits should be dug so that they will face the south, and the location should be selected so that the beds will be protected from cold north winds and late spring storms. Sometimes the earth taken from the new pit is suitable for use in the hotbed, but this is the exception rather than the rule.



Coldframe Shown Open for Ventilation and Hardening of Plants—The Hotbed is Constructed in Much the Same Manner.

A few loads of leaf mold from the woods mixed with the natural soil will often form a smooth, rich, stoneless mass which gives an ideal hotbed filler.

The back or north side of the frame is usually made from 12 to 18 inches high, while the south end is about eight inches, so that the whole bed may have pitch enough to get the sun upon all parts. The standard hotbed sash is hinged by most dealers, and measures three feet in width and six feet in length. A frame just wide enough to support the sash seems to be the most satisfactory, though wider beds are sometimes used with supporting ridges placed at six-foot intervals. A well-painted cypress sash, glazed with good double-strength glass well set in putty should give the careful gardener 12 to 15 years' service.

Heat for the hotbed is furnished by means of a bed of horse manure 8 to 16 inches thick in the bottom of the pit. Permanent hotbeds are often heated with coils of steam or hot-water pipes under the bed.

Hotbeds require constant care to prevent their becoming overheated, especially during bright weather.

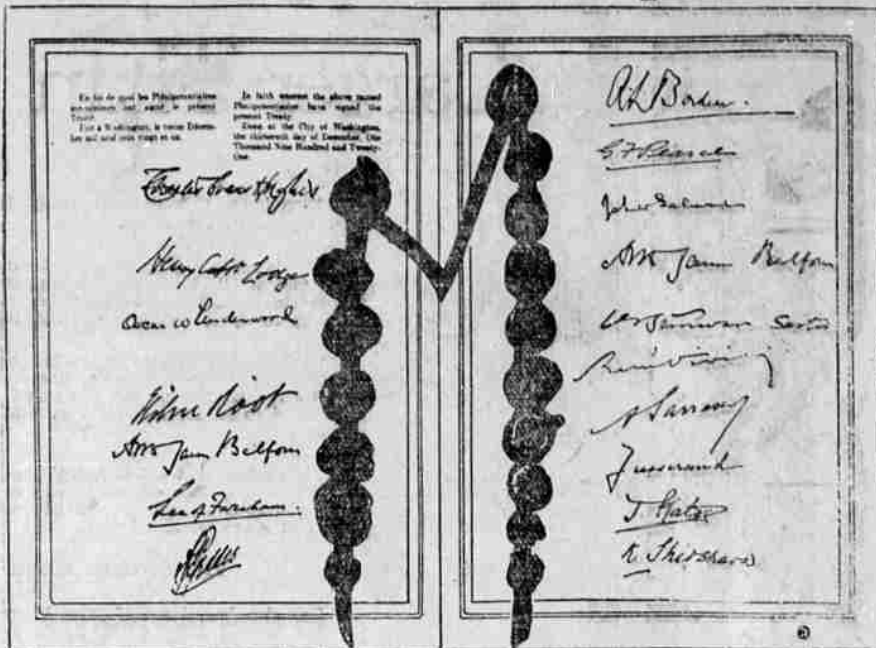
### KEROSENE TO DESTROY BUGS

Easily Prepared Emulsion of Soap and Oil Is Excellent for Plants and Animals.

Kerosene emulsion is one of the best lice killers on plants and animals, says North Dakota college. It is easily prepared and very cheap. Dissolve one-half pound of soap in one gallon of kerosene and stir very vigorously, or better yet, churn with a force pump for a few minutes. For use, dilute one gallon with nine to ten gallons of water. Stir well. It is best to use rain water. If only a small quantity is wanted use one to two ounces of soap, two quarts of boiling water and one pint of kerosene and dilute to two gallons.

**Word Comes From the Norse.** The Norse word for bay was "wic," and this has survived in such place-names as Greenwich. Now, in shallow bays salt would be formed by the evaporation of the water, and so a salt-making house was known as "wyc-house."

### What Do You Make of Their Signatures?



What can you tell about these men by their signatures? Each scrawl tells a story. Yes, the signature page of the four-power treaty signed at Washington.

### BISHOP NIBLEY PRESENTS PARK

Salt Lake City Acquires Municipal Golf Links as Christmas Gift From Eminent Bishop.

(Special to The Observer.) SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28.—Charles W. Nibley, presiding bishop of the L. D. S. church, was given a deed Saturday to the tract of land known as Wandamere park, in the southeastern section of the city. Within a few hours he re-assigned the deed to the city of Salt Lake, making it his Christmas gift to his city.

Mayor Neslen and the members of the city commission, within a few minutes after accepting the deed, decided to change the name from Wandamere park to Nibley park, thus honoring the public-spirited man who had done so much to perpetuate to this city one of its historic playgrounds. Bishop Nibley purchased the property, a tract slightly less than 50 acres in area, yesterday morning from the L. D. S. church. The amount involved in the transaction is said to be in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

### Of Historic Value.

The park, used for the last few years as a golf links in connection with the Deseret gymnasium, is located just beyond Twenty-seventh South street, between Fifth and Seventh East streets. It is one of the historic resorts of the Salt Lake valley, having been established a few years after the Mormon pioneers entered this state, by the late David O. Calder. For years it was known as Calder's park. Originally used as a picnic ground, it later became the mecca for athletic contests of all descriptions, including horse racing, bicycle racing, track events and later automobile racing. Some of the world's greatest bicycle racers made their reputations in the motordome which was erected there.

About 15 years ago, when prohibition was not considered a probability, the Mormon church bought the property with the idea of establishing and maintaining a park, where intoxicating liquor could be absolutely prohibited. For several years the resort was conducted as such a pleasure ground, but with the advent of prohibition there was not much demand for a strictly "dry" resort, and the church authorities turned it into a golf course. This course has been conducted under the auspices of the Deseret gymnasium.

### Golf Spirit Grows.

The growth of the popularity of the game of golf attracted the attention of Mayor Neslen and he began to look for an opportunity for Salt Lake to own its own golf links. He talked it over with Bishop Nibley at different times until the church official assimilated the spirit of a municipal golf links himself. The seed sown by the mayor was planted in fertile soil, and yesterday it bore its first fruit.

Bishop Nibley said yesterday that much credit for the idea should be given to Salt Lake's mayor. He said the mayor had been urging such action for two years and that he could not further resist.

"This is the happiest hour of my administration," Mayor Neslen said yesterday, when he learned of Bishop Nibley's Christmas gift. "The deed of Wandamere park means that the people will not only receive a playground which will be a benefit for all generations to come, but it marks an era of public spiritedness. On behalf of the people of Salt Lake I wish to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation of the gift which this generous-hearted man has made to the city of Salt Lake."

### Park Renamed.

The deed of Bishop Nibley provides that the tract shall be used as a park and municipal golf course, and that no admission fees shall be charged. A nominal green fee will be assessed against players,

however, for the purpose of maintaining the course.

A coincidence in the transaction was the decision of the mayor and city commission to rename the park in honor of the donor, for the deed to the property, which was not drawn up and signed by Bishop and Mrs. Nibley until Saturday, stipulates that the park shall bear the name of Nibley. The deed was not filed until Tuesday, it was said.

Sunday golf on the Nibley course will be permitted under the provisions of the deed, which provides that the park shall be open and maintained for golf during all seasons of the year. It is stipulated that other amusement features may be installed at the park, but they must not in any way interfere with golf. Such things as a swimming pool, skating rink, and possibly an athletic stadium may be possible in the tract, providing they do not interfere with the "royal Scotch game."

The deed provides that if the park is not used as a public golf course in any period of six consecutive months, or if the city of Salt Lake shall not suitably and properly maintain it as a golf course the deed shall become void and the property shall revert to the grantors, or their heirs.

Bishop Nibley's gift places Salt Lake among those few cities which now have a municipal golf course.

Toys were packed in cheap coffins exported by Germany before the war to save space.

### GAUTEMALA RATIFIES UNION

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—According to official advices from Guatemala Monday, the national assembly has ratified "in principle" the pact providing for the creation of a Central American union.

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### RHUBARB PLANTS NEED FREEZING FOR FORCING

Rhubarb plants for winter forcing should be dug and left outside a few nights to freeze so the roots for being forced make a better stalk if frozen, suggests A. G. Bouquet, head of vegetable gardening at O. A. C. Yearling roots are good if they have made a big growth the first season, or older stock can be dug up and used. An y dark cellar, outhouse, or shed can be used as a forcing house.

The roots after being dug up and frozen are brought into the shed and laid close together on the floor on which has been spread a thin layer of dirt. They are then covered with 1 1/2 to 2 inches of dirt, sprinkled thoroughly, and left alone except for occasional waterings. The temperature in the house should be kept between 45 and 60 degrees F. for four weeks, at the end of which time the plants may be bearing stalks of a marketable size—10 to 14 inches long.

This forced "barb" is of wonderful quality, handsome in appearance, and sells at a good price. It makes delicious sauce and pies. The leaf

surface of the stalk is very greatly reduced because of the absence of light.

### POULTRY HOUSE BURNS

(By Associated Press.) BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 28.—Over 7000 Hys chickens and a half carload of dressed poultry were consumed when the H. A. Selby Poultry Co. house at Mornington, Ia., was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The building is a complete wreck.

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