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They'll Be Here Tuesday



Few of the performers and animals with the big Barnes Circus coming to La Grande next Tuesday, May 30, for two performances only. Miss Nellie Roth is the only lady in the world to wrestle a Tiger, and she has been seen daily with her pets during life and limb.

## THE HOME GARDEN

What is Home without a Garden?

Three varieties of flowering tobacco furnish one of the most easily grown subjects for a striking and picturesque planting either in the annual bed, among shrubbery or in beds by themselves. Most stately of the group is *Nicotiana glauca* which grows five feet high, with huge ornamental velvety leaves and great clusters of white starry flowers on long stems which surmount the foliage. Of less robust growth, but good for from two to three feet, according to location, are the sweet scented *Nicotiana Affinis* and Sanders' hybrid tobacco, *Nicotiana Sanderae*. The last two come in a variety of colors ranging through various shades of red, rose, pink and lavender.

*Nicotiana Affinis* is an evening bloomer, opening its flowers late in the afternoon.

### Fertilizer Practice.

In selecting your brands of commercial fertilizer this year it is a good idea to have at least two varieties, alternating them. A pulverized sheep manure or shredded cow manure with some of the balanced fertilizer makes an excellent combination. Application seems to have the tendency to turn the soil sour and the plants get "fed up" on it. They need a variety of food much as does an animal.

The continued use of commercial fertilizer is balanced by the occasional use of lime, especially if the soil shows a tendency to turn sour. This is indicated by thick growths of the common sorrel or sour dock as it is sometimes known and by the formation of moss in shady, moist spots.

The fertilizers usually bear a series of numbers that sound like football signals. These may be readily interpreted when it is known that they usually represent the proportion of elements in the fertilizer and in this order—available nitrogen, phosphoric acid, potash. For instance, 3-11-2 would indicate three parts of nitrogen, eleven parts of phosphoric acid or phosphates, and two parts of potash. It is the commercial way of expressing the chemical formula of the fertilizer.

The application of commercial fertilizer should be invariably a light one to be used in. Light and often, is the motto to observe. It wastes the material to put it on too heavily as the plant can use only a certain amount and the rest is lost. As it is in concentrated form, it may prove too strong and induce in some cases too rank a growth of foliage.

### A New Gladiolus.

The new primulinus hybrid gladiolus are the hardiest of the entire gladiolus family and should be used for the earliest planting. The bulbs often survive the winter and come up in the spring, especially if the soil is light and well drained. The mixture bulbs are not so hardy, but will have more unfavorable weather than the other varieties which are farther from the type through frequent hybridization.

The primulinus gladioli have lower spikes and are more graceful than the older classes and the prevailing color is yellow with many exquisite shades in pink, salmon, orange, buff and ranging into scarlets.

The colors are all soft, reminding one of the soft shades in some of the late tulips.

For the earliest gladiolus planting use the primulinus type. Planted in mid-April they will give bloom by

July and can then be followed by the more robust types.

With the development of the knowledge of gardening there is coming a great exposure of fallacy in regard to many phases of cultivation, and one of these is as to the necessity of digging cellars under plants to be filled in with prepared soil. Many a man has been deterred from starting a garden by the labor he is directed to perform in gardening books and periodicals.

A graded depth of three feet is by no means necessary in preparing the soil. If one foot is well spaded, unless there is a clay subsoil, where deeper digging is necessary to allow for drainage and plenty of manure or commercial fertilizer used, good vegetables can be grown. It isn't often that a garden gets dug as deeply as one foot in its entirety. In ordinary good soil, a foot depth is sufficient.

Few vegetables send their roots further than a foot down in search of food, and then only when the upper soil is so impoverished it is necessary for them to do so. Manure buried so deeply that the roots are never likely to reach it does little good save to furnish humus and retain moisture. Manure should be thoroughly and finely incorporated with the soil, to do the most good and become quickly available. Sprinkling commercial fertilizers thinly upon the surface and hoeing them in gives the plants the quickest growth, as gardeners now know. If this fertilizer were buried as manure often is, it would be valueless.

Don't be discouraged by directions to trench the soil. It isn't at all necessary in an ordinary garden. Experiments of rose growers have shown that the bulk of the ordinary hybrid tea roses' root system does not go more than a foot down, and it has been shown that roses in soil well prepared for a foot did equally as

well as those for which the orthodox old-fashioned direction of three feet manuring and pulverizing had been followed.

The main idea to bear in mind is getting the plant food where the plant can get at it speedily. This is the reason why liquid fertilizers and commercial manures get the quickest action. They go directly to the root of the matter, which is the root of the plant.

The use of a light sprinkling of nitrate on the lawn is the best and quickest way to produce a luxuriant stand of blue-green sward early in the season. The action of the nitrate of soda may be noted if a lump of the nitrate is dropped on the lawn. In a short time it will be observed that there will be a tuft of thicker, ranker growth about this spot, much resembling the growth in pastures about old droppings.

The main design in sprinkling ni-

trate upon the lawn should be an even distribution.

### Chickens Saved from Doom By Fire; Ashes Started the Blaze

The chicken house and part of the woodshed belonging to J. R. Rhodes, at 814 Spring street, burned down Thursday night about 11:55 o'clock. The fire department made a fast run and succeeded in saving the greater part of the woodshed, but the fire, which started in the chicken house, had razed that building by the time the fire department arrived.

The blaze was caused by some hot ashes that were put in the corral for the chickens to scratch in, but which still contained some embers. The damage was slight, amounting to about \$25. All of the chickens were saved.

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## THE MODERN LAUNDRY

## Poor Boys Who Became Great

By Frederick Houk Law

CHARLES M. SCHWAB, THE STAGE DRIVER, THE STEEL KING. A stage coach went rattling along the four miles between Loreto and Gresson in Pennsylvania. A fifteen-year-old boy sat on the driver's seat and day after day drove over the hills with mail and passengers. Perhaps some of those passengers showed the boy a ten dollar bill and asked him if he had ever seen so much money at one time. What would they have said if some prophet had told them that the boy would become master of thousands of men developer of one of the greatest resources of the United States and the owner and controller of millions upon millions of dollars?

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### NOTICE

Owing to the Commencement exercises at the La Grande high school on Friday, May 26th, the Royal Neighbors Camp will postpone its meeting until the next date of meeting, June 13th.

By order of Oracle, BERTHA M. WHITE.

Seemingly, "To the psychologist," says Dr. James Drever, "a bad act is no precisely the same footing as a good act as regards its value." This view seems to be shared by many theatrical managers.

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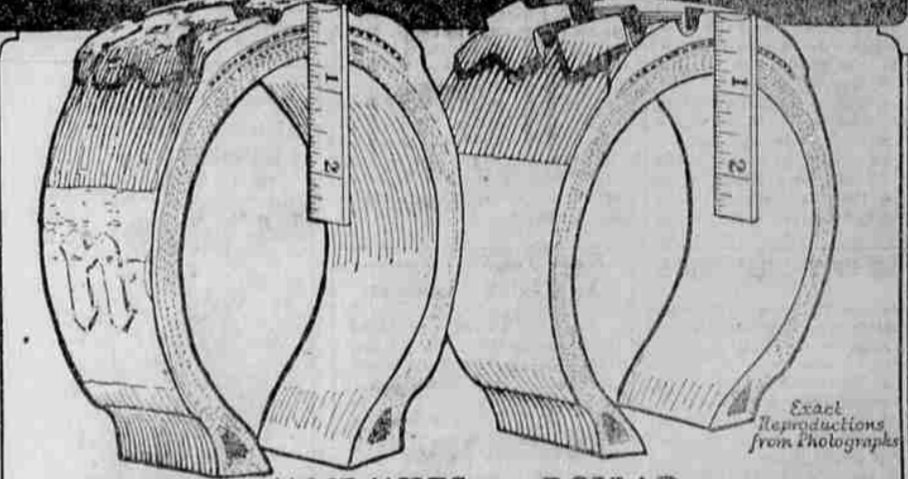
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