

ROSE PLANTING TIME FOR PORTLAND CHILDREN



Schoolboys in straw hats planting rose bushes in the four acre rose tract in Peninsula Park on Washington's Birthday.

SCHOOL GARDENS TEACH CHILDREN NATURE'S TRUTHS

Value of Public School Gardens Cannot Be Overestimated; Have Proved Successful in Many Cities.

By Louise McDermott.
"Plant trees, Jack; they'll be a growing when you're dying," said the Scotch laird to his son. To all cities I would say: "Develop your school garden. It will give you better citizens and a more beautiful city."

Our school grounds should be radiating centers for civic improvement. They should be well planted and well kept—the beauty place of the neighborhoods. The school garden should be the nerve center for all the home gardens of the neighborhood.

That has come to pass in the city of Cleveland, where the school garden idea has carefully been worked out. Cleveland has a home gardening association that has accomplished much for the betterment of the homes. It did not arrive until they worked through the public schools. In one school of 300 pupils every child had his own home-grown vegetables on exhibit at the annual show.

We have the soil and the climate; and commercial gardens. Commercial gardens do not develop home gardens. The school garden does. It has done it in many cities.

The great planting season is at hand. Now is the time for people to realize the possibilities of their back yards for vegetables, their front yards for flowers and both yards for fresh air and exercise. This is the great planting time.

My middle west mind marvels at it even yet and my thrifty middle west soul marvels still more at the economic waste. There are, broadly speaking, two gardens for this country, the large spring garden and the good sized fall garden. Then there are certain numbers that might be on the program every month in the year. Lettuce, radishes, parsley, carrots, beets and spinach the year round, with certain seasons of greater abundance.

'TIS TIME TO PREPARE THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

"That garden—now is the time to make it ready," Mr. Portland Householder says to himself, as he surveys the vacant area in the back yard that is devoted each season to vegetables. He is a busy man but has found from experience that gardening, that is the kind of gardening that he practices within the sunny confines of his suburban lot—possesses a fascination that cannot be thrown off. His successes and failures in this little plot of ground stand forth clearly in his mind and for several weeks now he has been anxiously awaiting the time when he can match his skill with Mother Nature and plant a vegetable garden that will be more fruitful than last year's.

Each morning of late he has paid the prospective garden spot a visit before going down town to his business, packing off the subdivisions that will be set out to the different plants. Each evening the process has been repeated, an imaginative mind running ahead to the late summer months when each patch will have yielded its quota of good things to the family table. In his amateur gardening, Mr. Householder takes the keen delight of a fiddist and finds in it the recreation that is combined with useful occupation.

But to return to the garden itself. The time when it should be planted is at hand. In fact in so far as a general rule can be set down, the last of February and the first of March include the days most favorable to the starting of

a successful vegetable garden in Portland and vicinity.

There must be cabbages, cauliflower, tomatoes, radishes, onions, lettuce; every well regulated garden contains these, and then of course one can raise peas, beans and other things besides. For some varieties it is better to buy

the small plants and set them out than to await the development of the crop from the seeds; at least an earlier crop is secured, and perhaps, in the instance of the novice at the game, a more certain one.

The best location for a garden is a well drained plot with a southern ex-

posure. But the success of the garden depends upon more than a suitable location. The care of the soil is an essential feature.

The garden should be spaded twice before planting. Whenever the soil is dry enough not to lump up upon spading, it is best suited for garden pur-

poses. It is quite essential that the cultivation be deep while the top soil should be pulverized for a depth of six inches at least.

In regard to fertilizer to be used during the early part of the season there is much to be said, as opinions differ. However, if stable manure is used, it should be well rotted. There are a number of commercial fertilizers on the market, however, that are entirely satisfactory.

In planting the vegetable garden it is possible to so arrange it as to make it quite as attractive in appearance as a flower garden when it arrives at maturity. Once the garden is planted its care does not require much time, although it demands a few spare moments each day. But these moments are gladly given when the results to be achieved are realized.

STUDENTS FROM ELEVEN COUNTIES IN DRAMA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., March 4.—Students from 11 different counties will take part in the stirring campus drama, "The College Widow," to be produced in the Corvallis opera house Friday evening, March 10, by the students of the Philadelphian and Feronian literary societies of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Mr. H. E. Carter of Seattle is coaching the young Thespians, and Walter Berman, '08, of Corvallis, is business and stage manager of the enterprise, which it is hoped will rival the success of the junior class play, "Brown of Harvard," presented to a packed house in January.

The leading roles of Billy Bolton, the athletic hero, and the College Widow, beautiful and seductive, will be taken by Bernard Olsen, '11, of Milwaukie, Clackamas county, and Ramona Kane, '11, of Oakland, Cal. The complete cast of characters is as follows:
Billy Bolton, Bernard Olsen, '11, Milwaukie, Clackamas county; President

Witherspoon, L. M. Turner, '11, Heppner, Morrow county; Hiram Bolton, Orville G. Reaven, '13, Pendleton, Umatilla county; Matty MacGowan, G. G. Godfrey, '14, Myrtle Point, Coos county; Bub Hicks, George Harry Smith, '15, Portland, Multnomah county; Jack Larabee, Walter L. Dutton, '13, Lakeview, Lake county; Copernicus Talbot, Ray H. Roberts, '10, Lebanon, Grant county; Silent Murphy, Will B. Carlson, '11, Bridal Veil, Multnomah county; Stub Talmadge, Maurice R. Smead, '11, Heppner, Morrow county; Jane Witherspoon, Ramona Kane, '13, Oakland, Cal.; Beasie Tanner, Alice Shepard, '11, Portland; Flora Wiggins and Mrs. Primy Dalzelle, Ilseah and Esther Leach, Grants Pass, Josephine county; Bertha Tyson, Marie Cathey, music, Corvallis, Benton county; Luella Chubs, Margaret Dunbar, '13, Ontario, Malheur county; Ruth Altken, Hortense Eppley, '11, Salem, Marion county.

Eugene Elks to Build.
Eugene, Or., March 4.—Eugene Elks will erect a handsome four story brick

block on their lot at the corner of West Seventh and Olive streets this summer and the work of excavating will begin in a very short time. The building will cover the entire lot, which is 30x100 feet in dimensions, and will be devoted to business purposes on the first floor, offices on the second and lodge room and banquet hall on the third and fourth. Committees have been appointed to secure an architect to draw the plans, secure funds for the erection of the building and to attend to other details. A plan that meets with general favor is to issue bonds to secure the necessary money.

Day of Prayer at Whitman.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., March 4.—The day of prayer for colleges observed throughout the United States generally was observed in the churches of Walla Walla by special sermons by several of the ministers. On Sunday afternoon the girls of the institution met at MacDowell hall and listened to an address by President Penrose.

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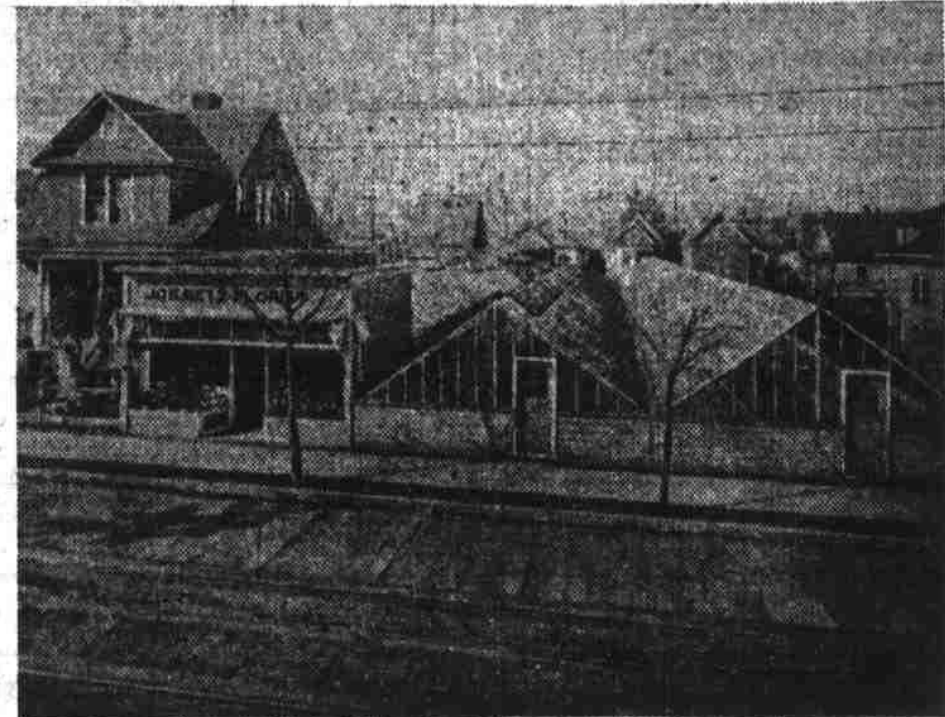
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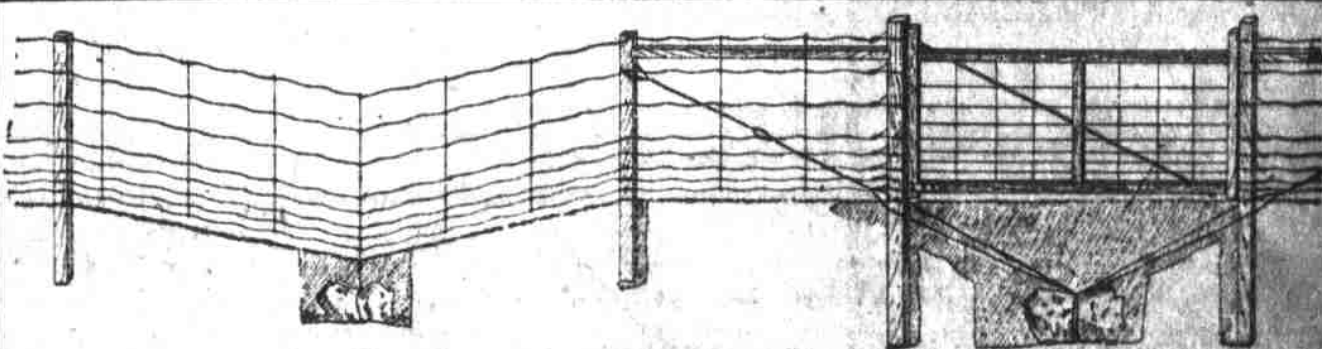
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