

## CALENDAR OF GARDEN OPERATIONS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

(Under the head of Horticulture, the Cyclopaedia Britannica, beginning on page 299 of volume 12, contains a calendar of gardening operations for Great Britain. As the conditions there are very similar to those found in the Willamette valley, The Statesman will, on the first Thursday of each month, copy the gist of the matter given by that great authority for the special benefit of the people of this section who should commit themselves to the slogan "More acres and more to the acre," and this should apply to city people who can get the use of small plots of land as well as to those who live in suburban and farming districts. Following is the calendar for the current month:)

**JULY**  
Kitchen Garden.—Watering will be necessary in each department, if the weather is hot and dry. In the first week, sow peas for the last crop of the season; also Dutch Long Pod beans and French beans. In the last week, sow Yellow Finland turnips for a full winter crop, spinach for an early winter supply, and Enfield Market or Winnigstadt cabbage for early summer use. Sow endive for autumn and winter use, in the beginning and end of the month; also successional crops of lettuce and small salads. Make up successional mushroom beds. Plant full crops of celery, celeriac, endive, about the middle and end of the month; late crops of broccoli, cauliflow-

flower, and coleworts in the last week. Gather and dry medicinal and pot herbs; also propagate these by slips and cuttings.

**Fruit Garden.**—Continue the pruning and training of wall and espalier trees, and the destruction of noxious insects. Plant strawberries in pots for forcing next winter, and make new beds out of doors as soon as well-rooted runners can be obtained. Propagate the different sorts of stone fruit trees by budding on other trees, or on prepared stocks. Gather fruits of all kinds as they ripen.

**Forcing.**—Prune melons and cucumbers, giving air and water, and maintaining heat, etc. Continue the routine treatment in the pinery, but withhold water when the fruit begins to ripen; push on the growth of the suckers on old plants, which will materially advance the fruiting period. The forcing houses ought to have abundance of fresh air and moisture, along with the necessary heat.

### Wolf Packs Give Much Trouble on Ariz. Ranges

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 6.—Wolf packs are running on the ranges near the Apache forest in the White mountains and north of Ash Fork. Stockmen say their kill averages 22 calves at least every third night. Federal predatory animal officials are co-operating with cattle owners in an attempt to exterminate them.

### DEMPSEY CHALLENGED

NEW ORLEANS, July 6.—Johnny Abrams, boxing promoter, announced tonight that he had wired Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, champion of the world, an offer of \$50,000 guarantee for a 20-round bout with Jack Dempsey and Bill Brennan here in the fall.

## SALEM SCHOOLS IN GOOD SHAPE

### Veterans Pay Visit to Local Institutions — Flag is First with Students.

(By Daniel Webster.)

For many years it has been the custom of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary, the Women's Relief corps, to appoint members of their order to visit the schools of Salem and vicinity on some day preceding Memorial day of each year, it usually being Friday immediately preceding the 30th day of May; the purpose of which is to call the attention of teachers and pupils, and through them their families, to the near approach of Memorial day, that they may prepare for its proper observance and for the indication of a spirit of patriotism, love for the flag and of veneration for the memory of those who made of their breasts a barricade between their country and its foes.

So long has this been the custom that the teachers and pupils of the Salem schools and vicinity, annually, anxiously and expectantly look forward to the day, and are prepared to give the visitors a cordial welcome and show their appreciation by being prepared with a patriotic program, thereby indicating that the lessons learned upon former occasions had not been forgotten.

At the first meeting after Memorial day the veterans who visited the various schools make their reports thereof. When the reports were made for the present year, the post ordered that the adjutant make a consolidated synopsis of said reports and furnish the same to the press of the city for publication, that the teachers, principals, superintendents, pupils, patrons and officials of the schools may be informed concerning the results emanating from the custom.

The reports from the grade schools including the junior high schools, were so uniformly excellent and, so nearly alike in character that, concerning them, it will only be necessary to say that the visitors were received with the utmost cordiality by pupils and teachers and accorded the closest attention to any and all remarks made by the veterans. All rendered suitable programs, some more elaborate than others, but all patriotic and exceedingly interesting, showing that teachers and pupils are usually imbued with fully 100 per cent Americanism.

Similar reports came from the Infant school at Chemawa, from the boy's industrial school and the St. Mary's academy.

The first "frost" came when the Salem high school was reached and was repeated in only milder form when the Willamette university was reached; the committee reporting that while they were received very courteously by the principal of the high school, they were assigned a second place on the program; an outsider and civilian having been invited and given the privilege of making the principal address. The veterans were, however, given an opportunity to address the pupils. There apparently had been no preparation made or interest felt or taken for the occasion, by either teachers, principal or pupils other than to invite said civilian to make the principal address.

At the university the only fault seemed to be with the management; rather than the pupils, as there seemed to be so much of interest pertaining to the school and classes, owing to the close of the term and the consequent examinations, they did not feel as if they could give the time required. It was conceded, however, that whenever it was given to visitors at the university, the pupils gave good attention and seemed much interested.

At the high school the pupils were as conspicuous for their absence as they were for their presence, there being many vacant seats in the auditorium. But this is no new condition for that school, as it is a standing complaint that the high school pupils, for some reason, are always shy whenever veterans visit the school.

In assigning veterans to the high school and the university it is customary to designate men of education, ability and wide experience for such occasions. This year the principal speaker appointed for the high school was a man of four years' service as a private soldier in an Iowa cavalry regiment, is a college graduate, well versed in American history, has spent years as a professor in several important institutions of learning and a man used to public speaking.

Whatever excuse may be offered or admitted for the absence of pupils from school upon the occasion of the veterans' visit, there can be none, whatever, other than indifference and thoughtlessness for the non-observance and desecration of Memorial day, a habit which is altogether too common with high school pupils and university students.

The consensus of opinion, as indicated by the reports made upon this occasion, based upon years of observation, is that wherever the teachers and principals of the schools are imbued with a spirit of patriotism which places them in the 100 per cent American class, the pupils under their control are always present and give close attention to the exercises and show their appreciation of the event by being prepared

with a program for the entertainment of their visitors.

May we not reasonably hope that hereafter school authorities, teachers, pupils and patrons of the public and other schools will not only unite in a proper observance of Memorial day, that it may be in full accord with the object and purpose for which the day was designated and set apart, but that all, regardless of school or class, may unite in opposing and discouraging the practice of desecrating the day by devoting any part thereof to athletic sports or riotous pleasures.

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## VALUABLE LAND SOUGHT IN SUIT

### Alleged Heirs of Henry Ploch Would Recover Equity in Portland Property.

Arguments were heard by the supreme court here yesterday in the action brought by Virginia Bailey, et al to recover from the Oregon, Washington Railway & Navigation company, New York Trust company and Farmers Loan and Trust company, lands located on Portland's waterfront which are said to be valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs argued before the court that Henry Ploch settled on the lands involved in the suit on November 1, 1852, under the provisions of the federal laws making it possible to take up donation land claims. He erected a cabin, according to the plaintiffs, made other improvements and continued to reside on the land until his death in 1853.

Because of the severe winter of 1852 the land was not surveyed, although plaintiffs alleged that Mr. Ploch complied otherwise with the donation land claim laws.

Following Mr. Ploch's death, it was charged that Elizabeth Thomas entered upon and fraudulently made claim to the land. Subsequently title to the property passed into the hands of its present owners. Plaintiffs allege that they are descendants of Mr. Ploch, and that because of the latter's residence on the land, he established an equity in the prop-

erty which should entitle them to remuneration.

The action originally was filed in the circuit court of Multnomah county, but was dismissed on demurrer to the complaint filed by the defendants. It was charged in the demurrer that the facts contained in the complaint were not sufficient as to constitute a cause of action, and that the statutes of limitation had run against institution of the suit.

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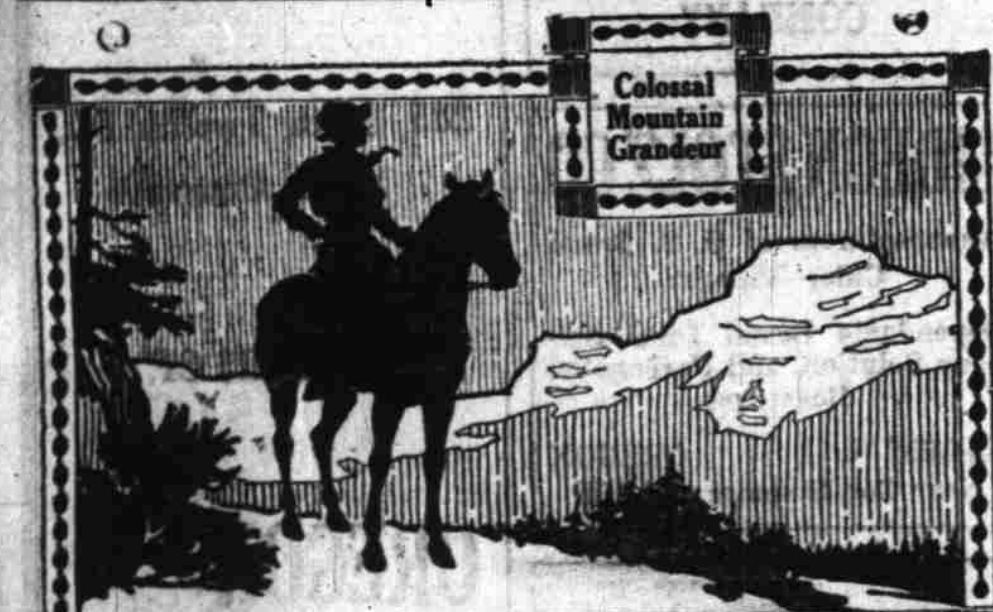
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