

# Care of Bulbs Becomes the Gardener's Present Worry

## TIME TO PLAN GARDEN PATCH

### Preparation During Winter Will aid Efficiency of Spring Work

Here is a suggestion for next spring when planning the garden this winter sitting by the fire-side and jotting down things to buy, either seeds or bulbs, for the coming flower season. One should have the garden ready to plant even to the last blade of grass and what to do to remove the last weed from the lovely beds, long before the time comes to do the work.

Dreaming over the loveliness which will come with the spring sunshine, planning each corner so that not a bit will go to waste will make the winter months fly by and will store up enough energy and ambition for the hard work of making the real thing slightly resemble the dream when spring and working days do come along with the first note of the robin.

The list of annuals that can be depended upon to do well in a shaded garden is very limited and when a shaded garden is mentioned it means one that has some sun during a part of the day. It is useless to try to grow any of the annuals in complete shade. Three annuals that will do well in the shade and which are inclined to thrive in the hot sun are Clarkias, schizanthus, and the sweet sultans, Centaurea imperialis, Clarkias and schizanthus are now much used by greenhouses and gardeners have often mourned that they have little luck with them out of doors, particularly the handsome schizanthus or butterfly flower with its ally and peculiarly cut flowers with their wide range of color and attractive markings.

They can be grown to good advantage in a bed shaded from afternoon sun. In fact, if they get sun until 10 o'clock in the morning, they will be well suited. The Clarkia is another handsome annual much used for cutting that thrives under similar conditions and the sweet sultans will be quite at home.

The sweet tobacco, nicotiana affinis, lights up a shady corner and opens earlier in the afternoon than when exposed to full sun. It makes a good background plant. The annual larkspurs make a good show in partial shade but will not give the lavish spikes nor the freedom of bloom they do in full sun.

A shady corner may be brightened by a handsome bulbous or tuberous plant, the tuberous hebe, which has handsome blossoms in varying reds, pinks, white and yellow of huge size. This plant makes a most unusual and beautiful bed in a shady spot in well enriched soil but care must be taken to see that it does not suffer for lack of moisture.

## HALF SPEED MARKS MILL PRODUCTION

SEATTLE, Wash. — A group of 349 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending September 20 operated at 47.56 per cent of capacity, as compared with an average of 47.74 per cent of capacity for the previous 15 weeks and with an average of 63 per cent of capacity from January 1 to June 1. These 349 mills have reduced their output during the past 17 weeks by 761,464,000 feet, which represents over five full weeks of production for the entire lumber industry in the Douglas fir region of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia at present operating schedules.

Orders received by a group of 227 mills, for which the association has a weekly record of production, orders and shipments, exceeded the output for the week ending September 20, by 1.54 per cent. Unfilled orders of these mills increased about 2,000,000 feet, making an increase of 14,000,000 feet during the past two weeks. New business reported by these 227 mills from the week ending July 19 to September 20 shows that orders received during that period exceeded production by 5.24 per cent.

In the 17 weeks from May 24 to September 20, inventories declined 8.43 per cent. The relationship of the industry to its market is being slowly but steadily improved by the continued declines in inventories and the favorable ratio of orders to production and by the increasing volume of unfilled orders, according to the association. This report covers the eighth successive week in which orders have exceeded current production.

## Sycamore Stately Tree; Oldest Planted by man In Salem, This Variety

This is the time of year par excellence to study trees especially with reference to their value for highway and park planting. Note for instance the trashy condition under the shade of trees; they spend about three months ripening and shedding their leaves. Also note the dead or dying appearance of many of them because of the large masses of ripening seed.

Today, however, we study the sycamore or as the Europeans call it, the "Plane tree." This is next perhaps to the elm, the most widely planted tree we have. There are a number of species all much alike and characterized by their large palmately veined leaves and pendant seed balls.

The trees commonly planted are either native sycamore of the Mississippi valley, known botanically as Platanus occidentalis, or the Asiatic species known as Platanus orientalis together with a variety supposed to be a hybrid of these known as the London plane and which is the common tree of the parks and avenues of that city, many of them planted two hundred years ago. The sycamore is long lived, endures neglect, thrives under all conditions and because of its periodic shedding of its outer bark revealing a smooth light yellow trunk, is at once attractive and distinctive.

The tree grows up into the air; is amenable to trimming; and is graceful during winter. It lacks a beautiful inflorescence and thus does not compare with the catalpa and hawthorn.

As for outstanding advantages it is mostly free from disease; its wood is of value and is much used for wooden bowls, and for utensils where non-splitting character is of importance.

Many beautiful specimens are seen as one drives about town. The statehouse grounds and Willson park have several good ones. A very pleasing specimen probably 25 years old is at the Boesch corner at Summer and Chemeketa street. Two young trees, really beauties, are to be found on Center street in front of the residence of Mrs. Sarah Schwab, 1445 Center.

A much older tree, in fact I would guess that there are none older in the city, aside from the native oak and Douglas fir, is to be seen at 549 Ferry street in front of the imperial laundry. This is essentially in front of the former residence of Dr. J. J. Reynolds, now deceased.

Thinking that the doctor may have brought it from his native Ohio and wishing to try to ascertain its history and age, I interviewed Senator Lloyd Reynolds who tells me that his father came to Salem in 1874; and soon after locating at the residence on Ferry street he sent back for a shipment of trees including several buckeyes and four sycamores.

They all lived and thrived until one by one the encroachments of the growing city destroyed them. This tree was set out about 1879 and seem destined to be effected necessarily all because of the lack of a little appreciation and care.

The tree was a beautiful one when I saw it about 23 years ago, and it should have been allowed to save this part of town from sordidness. Just now the tree is not beautiful because it is dying at the top. Sycamores do not usually die so young—a little observation tells what is the matter. The concrete is so tight about it that it is effectively suffocating and starving it from sordidness. Just now the tree is about 10 years and at one time the tree gave a mighty effort and cracked off the curbing where it runs to the alley. But man comes along and lays a new sidewalk, this time unbreakable, and so closely surrounding the tree that the slightest further growth of the tree will hasten its strangulation. These trees are so virile that it may be years before it finally breathes its last and is may even yet read under its imprisoning chest.

Page the society for the prevention of cruelty to trees—park board. Let something be done soon for the relief of this grand old tree.

Vision our Pacific highway planted with the sycamore to Woodburn. How would we like it?

## FLOWER SHOW AWARDS GIVEN

### Variety Lacking in Display At Fair; Salem Growers not Featured

The flowers at the state fair were lovely but they did not show sufficient variety. Bulbs did not come in for any consideration, landscape gardening was only an added attraction at the front of the Agricultural building, and Salem growers in most part did not cause themselves to be represented as it seems it would be well for them to be.

The awards which are given below show how many of the prizes went to Portland or near there. This story should and could be different next year if each grower went to work with a will.

Awards were:

Greenhouse collection: Fred M. Young, Portland, first; Clackamas greenhouse of Clackamas, second.

Greenhouse ferns: Wilson Crout Gehr Co., Portland, first; Clackamas greenhouse, second; Fred M. Young, third.

Carnations: Wiedemann Bros., Wilsonville, first; Clackamas greenhouse, second.

Best basket greenhouse—grown roses: Tommy Luke, Portland, first; Clarke Bros., Portland, second; Niklas and Son, Portland, third.

Best basket chrysanthemums: Niklas and Son, first; Martin and Forbes Co., Portland, second; Tommy Luke, third.

Best floor basket: Clarke Bros., first; Tommy Luke, second; Niklas and Son, third.

Best specimen fern: Clackamas greenhouse, first; Wilson Crout Gehr Co., second; Fred M. Young, third.

Cut flowers (professional blooms): Tommy Luke, first; Clarke Bros., second; Niklas and Son, third; Oscar Olson, Salem, fourth.

## Irish Poet - Economist To Tell U. S. Farmers of Co-Operative Plan

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Better times are ahead for the farmers. That agricultural co-operation will "restore agricultural communities to the stature of their pioneer ancestors" is the belief of a distinguished group of citizens who have invited George Russell, Irish poet and economist, to give a series of lectures which they hope will lead American farmers to a new era of prosperity.

Russell contends that co-operative marketing makes a contribution over and above the economic advantage which it offers the individual farmer and pays great dividends in increased contentment and general well being. He sees the co-operative agricultural community as the soil out of which national culture will grow.

The great Irish poet, known to literature as "AE" will arrive in New York soon and plans to spend six months lecturing before university and agricultural audiences in practically every state in the Union.

He disclaims any capacity for advising the American people on the farm problem and agreed to the lecture series only when the subject was limited to his philosophy of rural civilization, which is a blending of poetry and economics and their practical application to everyday life.

Sir Horace Plunkett founded the Irish Agricultural organization in 1897 and discovered Russell keeping accounts for a tea merchant in Dublin during that same year. Plunkett recognized in "AE" the fact that he was not only superior accountant but a poet, painter, and mystic as well.

Plunkett enlisted Russell's aid as organizer for the Agricultural Co-operative Society and the future "sage of Ireland" became a familiar figure who travelled the roads of Ireland on a bicycle, founding co-operative banks, forming creamery and poultry societies, and helping convert the Irish farmer to co-operative organization, which has meant so much in economic gain to the rural population.

A few years later he was made secretary of his organization and in 1905 he became editor of its official organ, The Irish Statesman.

## GLADIOLI SHOW AT FAIR OF INTEREST

The gladioli show which formed a part of the flower show at the Oregon state fair this past week was an event of keen interest to those interested in growing this particular plant.

First there was a larger display than ever before, in all about 300 varieties were shown. Most of these were developments bought from eastern hybridizers. The art of hybridizing has not yet become a part of the western growers interest, Murton G. Ellis is about the only one near Salem who is doing this sort of thing.

Another thing of interest is that Salem took a second and two third places in the gladioli show. L. E. Weeks took a second on the best five varieties. Those included in his display were Queen of Night, Pfizer's Trump, Iwa, Golden Dream, and Quint Nymph.

A. A. Flynn took third on the best collection of glads and Adams Floral company took third on the best basket of glads.

One thing that was noticed which was against the effectiveness of the gladioli display was the overcrowding of the flowers.

Mr. Russell's visit to America has been arranged in the belief that he will be able to give a striking insight into the larger implications of the economics of co-operation and help American farmers to set a new goal in contentment and prosperity.

## PEACE LEAGUE HAS WAR OVER OFFICES

GENEVA, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Carl J. Hambro, Norwegian delegate, today defended the rights and extolled the superior qualities of citizens of small nations before the league assembly's committee, where a brisk fight was waged over proposals for reorganization of the secretariat.

In this contest Italy and Germany are arrayed against France, and Great Britain and small nations are challenging the right of great powers to monopolize the chief posts in the league headquarters staff.

Hambro, who is president of the Norwegian chamber of deputies, today proposed to abolish the offices of under-secretaries general, now held by the German, Italian and Japanese nationals.

"The natives of smaller nations have a much better opportunity for acquiring international mindedness than those of large states," Hambro asserted.

"The citizens of large states usually do not need to do this and therefore do not develop the international mindedness that is so desirable for officers of the league secretariat," said Hambro.

American exports of playground and amusement park equipment have doubled since 1925.

## Dam Absorbs Entire Town Says Visitor

And the dam absorbed the whole town. That is the story about a story which Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foster and family of Tusculum, Mo., bring to Salem while here to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolf and other relatives.

Until early in August, Foster operated a restaurant in a country seat town about 42 miles from St. Louis, Mo. He moved, because the 500 inhabitants of the city who had not otherwise planned to do so, were all ordered to leave the town on or before August 29. This is why.

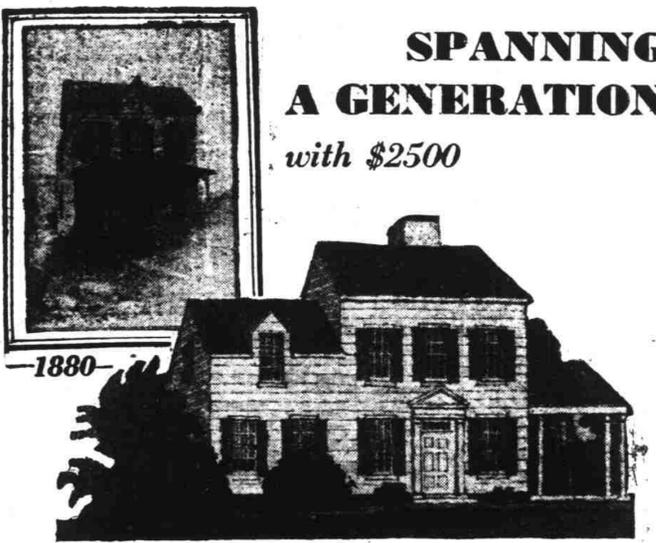
A St. Louis light and power company, desiring expansion and noting that this county seat town was nestled between two parallel hills that converged at one point with a body of water near the other end, decided the town was the strategic point to build a dam for its power uses.

So, at a cost of a mere \$30,000,000 the company has started move to construct a 165 foot dam across the mouth of the canyon. The lake will entirely submerge the entire town, most of which the company was able to buy out before the people knew what it was all about.

Foster says about 30,000 men will be employed, many of them already working, on construction of the dam, uprooting timber in the area, tearing down all the buildings, and building the \$10,000,000 power line to St. Louis.

Italy is to employ 90,000 jobless men in a large program of public works construction.

Nearly 1,000 new American motorcycles have appeared in Germany this year.

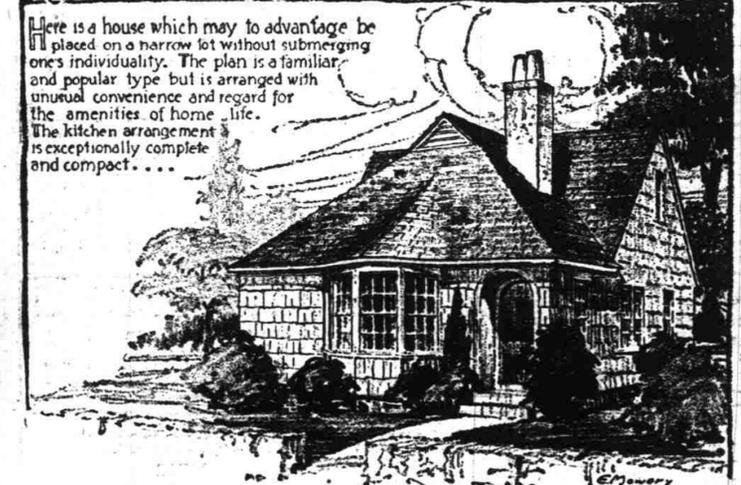


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Here is a house which may to advantage be placed on a narrow lot without submerging one's individuality. The plan is a familiar and popular type but is arranged with unusual convenience and regard for the amenities of home life. The kitchen arrangement is exceptionally complete and compact.

**THE IDEAL HOME FOR A NARROW LOT**

The narrow lot always provides a problem for the home builder who appreciates exterior appearance and good design.

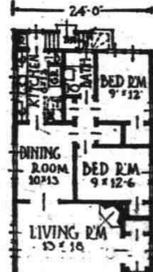
Compactness, which makes possible the use of this home on even a forty-foot lot, has not detracted from the living convenience of the design.

By placing the heavier gable to the rear and sloping the roof to the front, the architect has minimized the appearance of bulk and at the same time given space for five pleasant rooms.

Every foot of available space has been profitably utilized. The architect has managed without to provide an unusual amount of storage area for a home of this size. In addition to the linen closet handy to the bath, there are four large closets including a cloak storage in the entrance hall.

Because of its compactness and the natural insulating value of its attractive wood shingle (or siding) walls, this cottage will be very economical to heat.

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