

The Garden

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 morning after the "Glorious" saw Willamette street fully littered with broken and remains of fire crackers. In the window of Babb's store were singing a rippling stream, a cow-wagon with its little pioneer happy to be on their way, were still near by long to find that the street had made the down town habitable again, and Eugene a desirable abiding place.

plot of cultivated ground. Good grass seed sown even-ly. Pest moss scattered carefully. A liberal supply of fertilizer. Twenty-four hours of sufficient sunshine. Re-warded crop of grass. A well-started crop of grass. The grounds of City Cen-ter! Pest moss, water, "el-gress!" Results!!

Helen Gilkey, curator of herbarium at Oregon State, gives warning in last Sun-

day's Oregonian of a new poison plant that may bring harm to those who are not able to recognize it. The plant goes by various names, Dr. Gilkey says: poison hemlock; wild parsley; wild parsnip—not the well known large-leaved plant with which most people are familiar.

The first specimens of this plant were found in 1933 near the Corvallis-Albany highway. Since then it has been reported from many sections and may have reached eastern Oregon also.

The plant is extremely poisonous and bears a special menace for children as it has a hollow stem which could make good whistles. It is a showy plant; grows to a height of five or six feet, perhaps more; thrives in peat or swamp soil; makes less growth in dry places. "It has purple mottlings on the stem and if taken indoors has a distinctive mouse-like odor." The leaves are finely cut and attractive; white flower heads; seed pods that resemble dill seed pods, and it has been found growing in private gardens. It is poisonous to stock and may get into the hay. It is a biennial, producing foliage one year and seed the next.

Lawns should not be cut so closely this month, experts advise, as in the spring months. Do not let clippings lie on the grass, they are apt to hinder the growth.

Thin out the old wood on shrubs that have finished their bloom. Pinch off the lateral stems on dahlias so that the strength may be thrown to the tops as they flower.

Sweet peas will continue blooming if they are well watered, heavily mulched, and the blossoms kept from going to seed.

A second crop of delphinium may be secured by cutting the plants half way to the ground after they have bloomed, feeding them well and cultivating the ground.

The hollyhocks are trying to outrank the trees in height, and are full of blossoms, too. The full moon has looked down upon the water through lacy tree branches and created a mystic beauty. The shadows on the grass; the flight of birds across the lawn. A drive up the new highway to Salt Creek Falls through wooded lanes of pink rhododendron. The beauty and coolness of Odell Lake, all have brought enough joy into the days to make one join with Edna St. Vincent Millay: "Oh, World! I cannot hold thee close enough!"

"The common growth of Mother Earth Suffices me,—her tears; her mirth, Her humblest mirth and Tears." —Wordsworth

But hearing oftentimes

The still, sad music of human-ity."—Ibbid.

One impulse from a vernal wood May teach you more of man, Of moral evil and of good, Than all the sages can."—Ibid

An occasional repetition serves to drive home a fact or two. One is that Nature WILL have her way! The chives grow well but no blossoms—not the least show of a blossom will they make. Up in the coolness of the Odell lake region, the plants are full of gorgeous crimson pompons! Up on James street, the tansy was a mass of gold. Hereabouts no faintest shadow of a bud. No wall this. Emerson once said something about compensation—and who would mourn when the daphne, the azaleas, the camellia are outdoing themselves. But try to go contrary to rules!

Bulbs for fall blooming can be planted now to good advantage. The time to put in the perennials is not too far distant—and the time to begin making the list is now!

W. L. Powers, soil scientist at Oregon State college, discussed the use of fertilizer in the Garden section of the Oregonian last Sunday. He advises placing the material in drills or bands at the side of the seed rows for economy's sake, especially when there are late plantings or when dressings are to be followed by irrigations. "The roots can reach the fertilizer more surely or will penetrate into the plowed soil more deeply. He advocates the use of a drill that has a fertilizer attachment which will put the fertilizer in the same groove with the seed. Such applications have given better results than twice the amount of fertilizer broadcast. Irrigation speeds up results from the fertilizer.

Grass lawns, Professor Powers says, respond to applications of ammonium sulphate applied at the rate of one fourth to one half pound per square yard. Repeated use of the sulphate is not advisable but applications of bone meal in the early fall will harden the grass for cold weather.

Autumn crocus should be ordered now for early August plantings.

If winter bloom is desired for geraniums, start slips or cuttings now. Start in small pots and shift to larger as needs call.

Dig up, bulb and all, every stunted or yellow colored gladiolus plant and burn it. Keep all diseased material out of the compost pile. This process will prevent infection and the soil will be kept free from disease.

The rhododendrons have been unusually beautiful this spring. To insure another year's joy in them, see that no faded blooms have been allowed to remain on the bushes, Robert Gatke, expert, advises. This may prevent a tendency that some of the plants occasionally indulge in, of blooming only every other year.

Feed the plants well now. The first feeding was due in early spring.

Under no circumstances—Mr. Gatke advises—use commercial fertilizer for rhododendron. Get preparations put up especially for acid-soil plants. Spread a generous handful widely under the bush and water it in well. Ten pounds of cotton-seed meal with four pounds of acid phosphate and two pounds of sulphate of potash is advised as a highly approved acid-reaction fertilizer. Cotton seed meal by itself is good but must be used more generously. Mulch the plants plentifully. Add to last year's mulch. This helps preserve moisture and keeps the roots cool. Well decayed oak leaves, fir or pine needles, peat moss, well-rotted sawdust used separately or together are good. Keep the soil moist during the summer. Water at least once a week, twice is better. Water the foliage, too, directly! But not in bright sunshine! Spray after sunset. Prune carefully if the plants show a tendency to become leggy. Watch for insects—especially the strawberry weevil; caterpillars; any pest! So much beauty deserves attention—lots of it!

County Schools

Evidence of the increasing population in Lane county is a study of new buildings and additions being planned by many of the school districts in various sections of the county. Figures from the office of L. C. Moffitt, county school superintendent, show, in one case—the Diston school—a jump from six pupils to 75, as illustration of how some of the buildings are crowded.

Among new buildings underway or proposed are the three-room building at Fall Creek, the new McKenzie high school near Blue River (now under construction), and the Mt. Vernon district for a two-room building.

Listed among the schools planning or building additions are: Lowell, two rooms and gymnasium to the present new grade school building; Florence, gymnasium for the union high school building; Elmira, at least one room, possibly two, for the union high school building; Mt. View, one room; London, voting on July 22 on building a gymnasium for the grade school; Diston, voting on July 17 to build a new room.

POPULATION UP
 According to latest census figures, Los Angeles had a population of 1,498,782 in 1940 as compared to 1,238,048 10 years ago. It is the fifth largest city in the United States.

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Leaf-Spot Control Demonstration Set

A cherry leaf-spot control demonstration will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the farm of Chester Chase, one mile north of

Springfield, by the Lane county horticultural society in cooperation with the county agent and the county horticultural inspector. C. E. Owens and S. M. Zeller, plant pathologists of Oregon State college, will discuss the results of leaf-spot control experiments carried on this year by them. Grow-

ers can see the results of application of various sprays and dusts applied at different times. In all, there are 190 plots, each with different spray combinations or different time of application. All interested people are invited to attend the demonstration.

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Rather than have a confused guest embarrassed to find himself alone in doing it, Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison, once drank from her finger bowl.

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