

GARDENS AND NATURE STUDY

The school garden is fast becoming popular in communities throughout the country. A plea for its development as a permanent part of the curriculum of schools and educational institutions for the reason that the study would produce a beneficial effect upon the pupils in their other work was made recently by J. H. Frost in an address before the members of the Ella Flagg Young Club in Chicago. In the course of his plea Mr. Frost said:

"Environment is a potent factor in the development of good citizens, influencing the character, habits and education of the child and by providing trees, shrubs and flowers for embellishment of the school—the most important educational agency—the child is supplied with new and growing interest which will help to broaden its ideas of life and make it richer in happiness.

"Our public school principals are putting forth persistent effort to decorate the school buildings with flower boxes and the school grounds with trees, shrubs and flowers. I am agreeably surprised to find that this desire to have plant decorations about the school is strongly in evidence everywhere throughout the city. In some cases where the ground has been available the children have carried on gardening work under the direction and encouragement of their teacher.

Cleveland (O.) Schools as an Example

"But, although they are willing, I am sure we are asking too much of our grade teachers when we allow them to devote extra time to the promotion of this work. I hope, however, that the time will come when our school board will appreciate the necessity and educational possibilities of this work and follow the example set by the public school board of Cleveland, O., which employs a number of teachers who have had practical as well as technical training in gardening.

"Their duty is to give advice and practical instruction to the teachers and the children of the various schools and making drawings for the ornamentation of grounds and plan the arrangement for the children's gardens. Why cannot we have such teachers here?

"The school garden furnishes many an interesting concrete subject for written composition, mathematical computation, business exercise, lessons in physical geography or exercise of free hand sketching or mechanical drawing. If brought into proper relation with the other subjects in the school curriculum it becomes an aid in teaching these subjects. By concentrating the attention of the pupils it lessens the time necessary for acquiring knowledge of them and thus results in no further crowding of the courses in study.

"Experience has shown that devoting four or five hours a week or even two hours a day to the study of manual training or domestic art enables the pupils to accomplish more in the remaining time than they formerly accomplished in the whole time spent in school. The same is most certainly true of nature study and gardening properly conducted."

Anti-Assemblyite Heard From

A. W. Lafferty a candidate for the nomination for congressman spouted at The Dalles on Wednesday last. He first thought of using the opera house but fearing a small gathering took to the street where he was for a while taken for an itinerant medicine vendor. He spoke in opposition to the assembly and Assembly candidates in general until his small audience dwindled away and left him haranguing the telegraph poles.—Cotton Times.

Struck a Rich Mine

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COYOTES HAVE RABIES

ENTERPRISE.—The presence of coyotes afflicted with hydrophobia, across Snake river, in Idaho, about Pittsburg, along Joseph creek, in Walla Walla county, and in Asotin county, Washington, has caused some uneasiness among the cattlemen of this county. Along Horse creek, in this county, near its confluence with Joseph creek, James and Charles Appleington have killed a coyote suffering with rabies. The animal ran into the kitchen of the ranchhouse after biting two cows and a ranch dog.

Engineer Goes Over River

E. Burslem Thomson, U. S. assistant engineer under Major J. F. McIndoe, who has charge of department No. 2, was in this vicinity last week looking over water conditions on the Willamette river, having come here at the request of C. G. Skinner. The assistant engineer made an examination of the river and will ask for immediate relief work of the war department. It is expected that rock will be blasted out at Buds and Durant and that a temporary wing dam will be put in at Eola and Grey Eagle. This work is of temporary nature only and will serve until the dredger can get here to work out the channel. The dredger is below Salem and is working her way up the river. The war department is doing everything possible to keep the river open to navigation.

SIDNEY NEWS

V. D. Looney of Jefferson is carrying mail on route 2 for Ed Jones.

Cleve Davis and one of the Skelton of Linn county were in this vicinity Friday.

Miss Lillian Nicolson recently went to Mill City where she has a position as cashier in one of the stores of the Curtis Lumber Company.

Mrs. Geo. Patterson has typhoid fever. This is the fourth member of the one family that has had the disease this summer.

Mrs. Grenz and family have gone to the mountains for a two weeks' vacation.

Threshing began in this vicinity the first of the week.

Mr. Nicolson, who was brought home from the hospital a few days ago, is improving very slowly.

The Oregon Fire Relief Association, McMinnville, Oregon. Chas. Gregory, Agent, Dallas, Oregon. 43tf

FINEST HORSE OF NORTHWEST

It is not generally known that Polk county has the best bred Belgian horse on the Pacific coast. Such is held to be the truth by Dr. James Withycomb of Oregon Agricultural College. The state owns two fine mares at the agricultural college at Corvallis, of the Belgian breed, of which the doctor is very proud and he has looked the west over to find the best Belgian horse to which to breed them. They are just being returned to Corvallis after a couple of weeks' stay at Oak Grove and were much admired by Independence people while they were here. They weigh 1990 and 2100 pounds respectively. One is a red roan and the other is a blue roan. Both are splendid specimens of draft animals.

The fine stallion mentioned above is a chestnut roan and weighs a ton. The horse is owned by the Dallas Belgian Horse Co. and was imported by A. C. Ruby & Co. last March.

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Acid Retards Timothy.

WALLOWA.—A. W. Simpson, who is employed in classifying lands in the national forests for the government, with a view of determining the acidity of the soil and the proper grasses to sow for producing the best crop of forage, has returned from Washington. Extensive experiments were made last year with bluegrass, timothy and redtop. The timothy and bluegrass did well for a few weeks, when the roots struck a stratum of acid soil about two inches in depth. The roots curled up in a mass and the growth was retarded greatly until the latter part of August, when this stratum was penetrated and the roots grew rapidly downward, producing a growth in such plants as had survived the season.

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Mike Goetz Meets Accident

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