

# HOW VACANT LOT GARDENING PAYS

One Old Man Supports Family of Five on Little Patch.

BEAUTIFIES THE BARE SPOTS.

The Case of Charles Bilger, One Armed and Poverty Stricken, an Example of What This Form of Charity Will Do For the City.

Is vacant lot gardening profitable? Practical experience has shown without a doubt that this is a real charity. Helping others to help themselves is one of the best movements ever inaugurated in this country. For fifteen seasons men and women, aged, ill or out of work, have kept the wolf from the door by nothing more than a little plot of ground that would otherwise have gone to waste.

Figures speak for themselves. The fact that ground allotted by the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation association netted about \$22,100 to 442 families during the past season shows that the work is worth while. According to James H. Dix, the superintendent, and Charles Horn, his assistant.



A VACANT LOT GARDEN.

The average profit to a family amounts to about \$50. Some have less than this, but others have \$100 and even more at the close of the season. A few can supply their own tables with vegetables and still be \$50 to the good.

One man at least has supported a family of five on his little patch, and when he first took charge of the garden he didn't know a thing about the work. He is Charles Bilger, old and one armed, of Philadelphia. His garden is at Wynnefield.

Bilger succeeded through perseverance. Every morning between April and September he could be found at his miniature farm about 5 o'clock in the morning, and he kept tilling earth until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He has a little shanty on the grounds, and here he prepared his food and stored his vegetables.

There is hardly anything that is in season in the vegetable line that could not be found on Bilger's patch, and he is justly proud of his crops. Last summer he had potatoes, tomatoes, corn, string beans, lima beans, lettuce, pumpkins and cabbage. During the harvest season he needed the assistance of two men to handle his crops. It was a familiar sight at that time to see Bilger going along George's hill pushing with his one hand his wheelbarrow piled high with entabes. Several times the produce was hauled away by a horse and wagon. Bilger is already known for the fine vegetables he produces and has no trouble in getting customers.

Farming was a mystery to Bilger six years ago. He lost his arm in a railroad accident and had difficulty in securing employment. Then the garden was offered to him. This helped to keep himself, his wife, his widowed daughter and her children. The grandchildren assist in supporting the family now.

Many other men have found their experience on these gardens to be helpful. Several have obtained positions in the forestry reserve, while others have secured farms of their own.

This outdoor work has also proved of great benefit to the numerous mothers and children who have been engaged in it, besides providing fresh vegetables for the table they have received plenty of good exercise, which means good health.

**Town Boom Philosophy.**  
If you are a kicker and see the shadow of failure in everything that is proposed to help the town, for heaven's sake go into some secluded canyon and kick your own shadow on the clay bank and give the men who are working to build up the town a chance. One long faced, hollow eyed, whining, carking chronic kicker can do more to keep away business and capital from a town than all the drafts, short crops, chinch bugs, cyclones and blizzards combined. -White Hall (Ill.) Register.

## FIRE PREVENTION APPEAL.

New York Chief Asks Co-operation in Reducing Conflagrations.

The following appeal has been sent out by Joseph Johnson, fire commissioner of New York city:

Fire is a natural element. Even the best fire fighting force in the world is a Canute, vainly commanding it to stop, when once a conflagration takes full sway over a city. Yet we must fight it unceasingly and seek to reduce to a mere possibility the great, all destroying fire. Every fire, however small, is a potential conflagration. Since the beginning of the paid department in New York more than 500,000 fires have been put out. Our city still stands. It stands because of the vigilance, swiftness and courage of our men.

Now let us together seek to reduce the awful toll of life and property. It can be done by enlightened carefulness in your personal and business habits. Mere thoughtlessness with matches, cigars and cigarettes causes enormous loss. Let us begin to treat the match thrower as we treat the heedless spliter. Death follows the course of each. Join with us in our preventive efforts, and teach your children that fire is not a plaything.

Come, too, with the fire department in its crusade against incendiarism, which sets one fire in four. Fight with us against lax laws which permit insurance companies to offer an inducement to arson in the form of a policy.

### NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 23, 1912.

To George D. O'Neil, of Bend, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that C. A. Huff, who gives care E. E. Parker, Bend, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on Nov. 23, 1912, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, entry No. . . . . Serial No. 97574, made Nov. 14, 1910, for W 1/2, section 6, township 20, S., range 16, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said George D. O'Neil has never established residence upon said land; that he has never cultivated or improved the same.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard thereon, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 16th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Neils Anderson of Bend, Oregon, who on January 5th, 1909, made desert land entry No. 02181, for NE 1/4, sec. 21, and W 1/2 NW 1/4, section 22, township 17 south, range 12 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 8th day of February, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Archie Pattie, Adam Kotsman, Charles Boyd, Walter Daniels, all of Bend, Oregon.

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## RESTORATION TO ENTRY OF LANDS IN NATIONAL FOREST.

Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 142.10 acres, within the Deschutes & Fremont National Forests, Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 223), at the United States land office at Lakeview, Oregon, on March 4, 1913. Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the applications of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to March 4, 1913, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry of any qualified person.

The lands are as follows: The E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, the N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 24, T. 21 S., R. 10 E., the E 1/2 of W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 3, T. 22 S., R. 10 E., W. M., except a strip 30 feet wide described as follows: Beginning at a point 20 chains north and 20 chains west of the center of Sec. 3, T. 22 S., R. 10 E., extending thence 15 feet on each side of a line running W. 10 chains to the place where the end of the strip closes on the boundary of the tract listed, the net area being 64.60 acres. Said tract was listed upon the application of John Franklin Bogue, of Lapine, Oregon; List 6-762. The SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 18, T. 22 S., R. 10 E., 12.50 acres, application of John Anton Kernbach, of Lapine, Oregon; List 6-767. The SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 11, T. 21 S., R. 10 E., 15 acres, application of C. H. Clow, of Lapine, Oregon; List 6-769. The E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, the E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 3, T. 21 S., R. 10 E., 59 acres, application of Daisy Davis, of Harlem, Idaho; List 6-771. Approved December 9, 1912. S. V. Proudft, Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office. 42-45

## RESTORATION TO ENTRY OF LANDS IN NATIONAL FOREST.

Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 659.68 acres, within the Deschutes National Forest, Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 223), at the United States land office at The Dalles, Oregon, on March 4, 1913. Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the applications of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to March 4, 1913, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The lands are as follows: The NW 1/4, Sec. 30, T. 19 S., R. 14 E., W. M., 163.44 acres, application of Mary E. Pionake, of Redmond, Oregon; List 6-663. The SW 1/4, Sec. 19, T. 19 S., R. 14 E., 163.60 acres, application of William A. Golden, of Redmond, Oregon; List 6-704. The NE 1/4, Sec. 25, T. 19 S., R. 13 E., 169 acres, application of H. A. Jarrard, of Redmond, Oregon; List 6-705. The NW 1/4, Sec. 19, T. 19 S., R. 14 E., 193.64 acres, application of Lewis W. Davis, of Redmond, Oregon; List 6-706. Approved December 9, 1912. S. V. Proudft, Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office. 42-45

## RESTORATION TO ENTRY OF LANDS IN NATIONAL FORESTS.

Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 290 acres within the Deschutes National Forest, Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 223), at the United States land office at The Dalles, Oregon, on March 4, 1913. Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of the said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the application of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right

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