

ABOLISH THE OLD BACK YARD

Make All the Ground Around Your Home Attractive.

NO RUBBISH, NO DISEASE.

Co-operation Between Owners and Tenants Would Do a Great Deal Toward Changing Present Conditions. It Would Also Increase Values.

Why was the back yard ever invented? Why need there be a rear and a front to a house? And why have most homes two rears and no front? The rear of a house was originally designed as a place where coal was delivered, where waste was removed and where deliveries from tradesmen were made. But in city homes the garbage and the ashes go out the front door, and deliveries are made there. In fact, it by necessity has become the back door. And what is the back yard? Usually a place for weeds to grow, a place for rubbish to accumulate, a place to hang out the wash, a breeding place for mosquitoes and flies and an eyesore to about half the population of tenants, who day by day, month after month, have to look out upon it. So states the Title Insurance News.

If ever any one pays the penalty for a sin it is the owner of real estate, residential property, who is carrying the burden of the back yard. How does the owner of such property pay the penalty, and can he escape it? Rear rooms bring less income than street rooms because of existing conditions. Yet why not make rear rooms front rooms and correspondingly increase the income from residential property?

Take, for example, a block of houses running from one avenue to another. Backing up to each other there are about thirty-four houses, twenty feet in width. There is a stretch of open land between the two rows of houses about 700 feet long and approximately 100 feet wide.

Let us imagine, if we can, that the owners of these seventy pieces of



A DESOLATE BACK YARD.

property got their heads together and decided that they would place this vacant space in the hands of two or three or five of their number as trustees for a period of five years, each contributing alike to the cost, and that fences be torn down, rubbish cleared up and the plot turned into a miniature park and playground—in short, that the rear of these houses become the front. What would happen? Counting the number of rooms facing the back yard as about the same as those facing the street and that there is a difference in the rental income of about 20 per cent, it would be safe to assume that by making such a change the income of the rear rooms facing our imagined miniature park would bring in an additional income of 20 per cent in excess of their usual rental value, which on the entire property would show an increase of possibly from 5 to 10 per cent.

Not taking into consideration the increased income, would not such properties always find occupants in preference to others that could not offer this attractive feature? Would we not be providing an ideal playground for the children, taking them from the streets with its dangers? Would not such retreats afford comfort, afternoons, and evenings, to the occupants of the room—men and women who must pass the greater part of their summers in the city?

The average summer population in the seventy houses does not fall far short of 1,000 persons. By renting a portion of the space for the privilege of serving ice cream and soda fountain drinks there would be sufficient income from the privilege to more than pay for the upkeep of the plot.

Any step that will help make city life more attractive will help to maintain values. Does not this suggestion offer a remedy for one of the causes of decreasing income from rooming properties in certain cities?

Flower Bedecked Windows.

Here is an idea which could be adapted to the beautifying of towns with great advantage. The municipality of Paris offers prizes for the most attractive window decorations by using blooming plants, there being several classes in which competitors may strive—that is, single windows, whole house fronts and the fronts of mercantile establishments.

GOIN' TO TOWN.

It used to be that dear old dad Drove Dobbin into town,
It was a rough and rocky road,
First up a hill, then down.
He used to pull way out the road
When he would meet a man,
See he, "Th' roads is heavy, an'
I'll give him all I can."
Now dad has got a red machine,
He whirrs along in style,
He leaves behind a string of dust
That stretches half a mile.
And when he meets his neighbors,
Who,
He burrs his flying wedge—
He scatters them to right and left
And makes 'em hunt th' fedges.
—Better Roads.

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The taxpayers of a number of counties and precincts of Texas are petitioning their respective commissioners' courts to call elections to vote upon the proposition of issuing road bonds in large amounts.
It is proposed to issue \$300,000 of these bonds in Harris county, \$120,000 in Wood county, \$25,000 in Refugio county, \$10,000 in Hamilton county, \$20,000 in Orange county, \$40,000 in Medina county and \$150,000 in Webb county.

Starters of Good Roads.

If highways are an evolution from the primary paths made by animals and men the first roadmakers did not make their paths straight certainly, and many a road today is a monument to the leaders in roadmaking of the long ago. Nevertheless it is said that some animals, the buffalo especially, were pretty fair engineers. They had an eye for grade, which cannot be said of some of their successors. In the west engineers' hunting pathways for railroads are said to have largely followed buffalo trails.

Heavy Materials For Auto Roads.

The excessive cost of keeping macadam roads in repair has led the commissioners in some counties in Pennsylvania to contract for the construction of roads with hard surfaced materials.

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To Lewis Greenleaf, of Centr. Ia, Wash., Contestee.
You are hereby notified that Er-

nest C. Taylor, who gives Care C. S. Benson, Bend, Oregon, as his post-office address, did on Nov. 18, 1912, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, Entry No., Serial No. 06931, made June 2, 1910, for W 1/2 SE 1/4, E 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 25, Township 13, S., Range 11, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said entryman never established or maintained residence upon said tract; that he never has cultivated or improved said tract in any degree whatever and has wholly abandoned said tract for more than one year last past.

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 therein, 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.

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