

YOUNG BEAUTIFIERS.

St. Louis Boys and Girls Improving Their Town.

UGLY SPOTS TRANSFORMED.

The Plan of Offering Prizes For the Improvement of Home Grounds Proving Highly Successful—Whole Blocks of Residents Interested in the Work.

The plan adopted in St. Louis to induce the children to take up the work of town improvement might be followed by any community to advantage. The philosopher who pronounced the small boy a natural savage would modify his opinion if he lived in that town today, for during the last few years the St. Louis boys have developed a taste for the aesthetic quite equal in kind, if not in degree, to that shown by his sisters and his cousins and his aunts. In addition to the multifarious amusements and employments, the St. Louis boy has acquired a taste for flower growing, and all over the town, in yards of both low and high degree, the sound of the hoe is heard, together with the voice of his operator, as he noisily consults with his fellows concerning the best things to plant and how the planting ought to be done.

This sudden activity on the part of the boys is not due to aesthetic inspiration so much as to the stimulus furnished by the offer of prizes, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The small boy is not a natural gardener. If he were to consult his individual preferences in the matter of back yards, Jimson weed would suit him as well as a hibiscus; broken crockery, tin cans and halves of bricks would answer his purpose as well as greenward and bedding plants, but with a five dollar prize in view, together with the distinction arising from its attainment, the boy is willing to hustle, and in many parts of the town the hustling has been followed by surprising results.

Nearly ten years ago D. M. Hazlett, a well known citizen of St. Louis, who in other towns and cities had been identified with movements having civic improvement in view, took up the matter of yard beautification as a special theme and delivered in one of the churches in the southwestern district a lecture on what could be accomplished by boys and girls in making beautiful the surroundings of the house. Much interest was aroused. The lecture was followed by others of a practical character, with illustrations showing what had been done elsewhere and what might be done here. The boys began to beautify themselves. Competition was aroused. Residents in a block in many cases determined upon a common plan of improvement so as to give the neighborhood the appearance of unity. Small prizes were offered for back yard improvement by boys and girls. The idea spread, and soon neglected back yards began to blossom as the rose.

Then the Suburban Railroad company had a sudden inspiration. The greater portion of its line from Vandeventer avenue to the city limit is located on its own right of way, which runs through an alley fringed on both sides by back yard fences, ash heaps and the miscellaneous debris that always collects in an alley when, as in that case, no particular objection is made to its use as a dump. The Suburban people heard criticisms of their roadway. Visiting strangers touring the city were advised to ride on other lines, so the Suburban management undertook to improve its surroundings by offering prizes for the handsomest back yards. The boys and girls along the route were not slow to hear of those prizes. Spading, hoeing, planting and watering went on, with surprising results. Ash heaps, tin cans, broken crockery and bottomless barrels vanished, and on long stretches of the track the former unhandsome yards became bowers of floral beauty.

There is a general idea that a flower garden is an expensive luxury, attainable only by the rich. That depends altogether upon what is planted. One may spend a hundred dollars and secure no handsomer results than by the expenditure of a hundred cents. Rare shrubs and plants are generally expensive, but rare plants are not necessary to make a yard attractive, and as a general thing the common plants and vines, being vigorous of growth and thoroughly acclimated, make a better showing in the yard than the tender

foreigners brought from a tropical climate.

One boy in St. Louis last year beautified a large yard at an outlay for seeds of \$1.45. At the close of the season he gathered and stored away three or four times as many seeds as he will need this year, so will have seeds to sell or give away to his neighbors. But he did not really need to spend as much as he did in the first place, for it is surprising how few plants are needed to give a yard an aspect of tropical luxuriance.

MAGIC IN MOROCCO.

Charms and Spells That Are Used by Moorish Women.

Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell writes of the curious charms used by the women of Morocco: "Moorish women resort much to charms to gain lovers or to keep their affections when gained. There is one charm which is seldom known to fail. It consists of shredding a small piece of an undergarment which the man has worn and, after certain incantations have been said over it, of rolling the particles into the shape of a small ball. This is embedded in a large ball of clay and, after being slightly damped, it is kept in a pot over the embers of live charcoal.

"I have been assured that as soon as the heat penetrates the clay the man, whoever he may be, will lay aside whatever work he is doing at the time and fly to the arms of the woman who invokes the charm. As long as the ball is kept warm so long will the heat of love burn in the heart of the lover for that woman."

"Another spell much resorted to is cast by cutting off the tips of a donkey's ears, cooking them and mixing them in the man's food. He then becomes as foolish as a donkey, with love for the charmer who has provided his unsavory repast."—Chicago News.

A WHALE'S MOUTH.

The Grove of Twelve Foot Quills That Fills the Cavern.

The rules for eating accredited to Gladstone and Fletcher, which required thirty-two, more or less, chews to each mouthful, were never meant for the true whale. It has no teeth, and it swallows its food whole, catching it in the baleen, or strips of "whalebone," which depend from the sides of its mouth. If a whale saw the whalebones that womankind are accustomed to using in their waists he would never recognize them as part of his alimentary system, they are so small. In the form in which they would be familiar to him they would be ten or twelve feet long and look like giant brushes, with a handle ten inches wide at the end.

One might wonder how any animal could close its mouth with a grove of twelve foot quills sticking out of the roof. When the mouth closes the slabs of baleen lie flat in grooves. When the mouth opens the slabs spring forward, completely filling the cavern. One whale may have as many as 700 in its mouth. Sometimes the weight of this giant mouth fringe is a ton, and the contents of the mouth of one whale taken in Bering sea on Oct. 20, 1883, weighed 8,100 pounds, or a ton and a half.—New York Tribune.

CASE AFTER CASE.

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The old reliable—The Weekly Oregonian.

Rogue River Fruit Notes

Intelligible Feature Regarding the Industry Gathered From Various Sources in This Favored Section of Oregon.

Secretary E. R. Lake, in writing the Courier regarding the proposed "All Oregon Fruit Show," has this to say: "Portland, January 14-16, 1908 will be the scene of the greatest horticultural meeting yet held in the State. Not only will an interesting and instructive program be presented, including talks by the most successful growers and shippers in the States of Oregon, California, Washington and Idaho, but there will be the finest display of winter fruits ever witnessed in the Northwest. A splendid set of cups and awards will be given for the best fruit shown, and the judging will be done by a government officer of national repute. The complete premium list will be announced shortly. The regular reduced rates will be accorded by the transportation companies provided fifty are present, and the occasion will be one of wide interest to the fruit growers of this entire Northwest and particularly of Oregon. At this time we want to call the attention of every producer of choice winter fruit to the subject of exhibiting and the importance of filing his request for space at an early date. The exhibit already exceeds, in promises, that made last year, so that it is important that exhibitors file their request for space at an early date with J. H. Reed, Milwaukee. It is not every year that we have an opportunity of having our products passed upon by a national expert. The occasion ought to be one of great value to our growers. Bring or send your unknown, or new varieties as well, so that they may be named."

E. W. Smalley, an ex-newspaper man who came to this city from Minnesota, recently, is so well satisfied that fruit growing in the Rogue River Valley is going to be developed to a wonderful extent that he has concluded to settle down right here and to this end has been negotiating for a desirable piece of orchard land. He sees great things in store for this entire valley and wants to "get in on the ground floor," as the saying goes.

The Central Point Herald notes that F. H. Hopkins is preparing to set about 6000 young trees on his Snowy Butte orchard property during the present winter. The ground is now being prepared, leveled and put in first class shape for the new stock. The Snowy Butte property, under the progressive policy of Mr. Hopkins, aided by his efficient superintendent, Mr. Pankey, is rapidly becoming one of the most valuable orchards in the valley.

As indication that the growers hereabouts are alive to their own best interests, it might be stated that already they are casting about for the most suitable person to recommend to the Commissioners of Josephine for the important place of County Fruit Inspector. They realize, only too well that this officer can do a vast amount of good for the industry and so when the new appointment is made in January, they are more than likely to send in a request of this kind, as the law provides.

In an orchard near Myrtle Point there is one apple tree of the strawberry variety, that has borne two fully matured crops of apples this season. There are other trees in the same orchard that are in blossom now, having already borne one crop. There

have been only a few light frosts and in this town tomatoes are yet green and new potatoes, volunteers, are six inches high.

When they stop to reflect that the freight to San Francisco, in small lots is \$1.21 per hundred pounds and only 33 cents in car load lots, the fruit growers of Josephine county are beginning to realize that it behooves them to raise more fruit and ship in ear lots. This is one of the ambitions of the average grower in this neck of the woods and in and of itself it portends much for the future growth of this industry throughout this entire valley.

John Pasche has completed the setting out of a 10 acre tract belonging to Ed Williams, of this city, to apple trees. The orchard is located on Pleasant Ridge and is planted in Spitzenbergs and Newtowns. Mr. Pasche is an exponent of the triangular system of setting out trees and believes that the trees produce a better grade of fruit when so planted. It is reported that Ben Gifford of this city, will also set out a 40 acre orchard on Mill creek and that the Johnson brothers at Dufur, will also go extensively into the fruit growing business.—Chronicle.

Commenting upon the movement among the Josephine county fruit growers, to name their respective farms, the Oregonian has this pertinent remark to make: "The fruit farms of Josephine County are to be named and the fruit shipped from each is to bear upon its boxes and upon letterheads used in the shipping business the name of the farm. This idea strikes the very keynote of excellence in production. It is safe to say that the attender of wormy or scaly fruit will not be fastened to any self-respecting grower's name and that the farm that he advertises as his own will be a credit to him through its products."

W. H. Norcoros shipped a car of Ben Davis apples to Sacramento Friday, for which he received \$1.25 a box f. o. b. at this place. This is considered a good price for that class of apples at the present time.—Central Point Herald.

Mayor Britt, of Jacksonville, can boast of more diversified agriculture and horticulture than any other individual in Southern Oregon. He has growing side by side, on his home place, lemon and fig, English walnuts, palm, pear, peach and apple trees, mingled with the perfume from a thousand flowers, not to mention rare specimens of the Japanese persimmons.

The Oregon apple has captured the Orient and Russia. Yadjoglon Brothers of Vladivostok, after making a display in one of the principal show windows of the city, removed the display and after it was crowned and surrounded with American and Russian flags it was photographed, and is to be reproduced in colors for international advertising. Thus the glory of the Oregon apple goes around the world. The display was unusual because most of the boxes were shown ready for ocean shipment, each enclosed in burlap. Varieties of apples included the Winter Banana, Orley, Hyde's King, and Arkansas Black.

SPORTING NOTES.

Swarthmore has voted to play lacrosse next spring instead of baseball. Elsie Powers, 2:08 1/2, by Anderson Wilkes, has foaled a bay colt by Dan Patch, 1:55.

Walter Steffen has been elected captain of the University of Chicago football team for next year.

George Stockton, 2:09 1/2, is the latest addition to the 2:10 list. He is a Texas bred pacer that was unmarked until recently.

Jim Coffroth, the California boxing promoter, has closed his fight club near San Francisco for the winter and opened up one in San Mateo county.

Kid Herman says he is going to give up the fighting game for good and settle down to business in Chicago. Herman has saved \$15,000 since he has been in the ring, his largest share of any fight being \$8,000 when he met Joe Gans in Nevada.

Hank Matlewson, younger brother of Christy, has been convinced there is no place in baseball for him and has gone into the automobile industry in Scranton, Pa. Hank failed in only three leagues last season—the National, Tri-State and Atlantic.

Hint to Housekeepers. A penny spent on a receipt file will often save pounds in litigation.—Judge Emden in Reynolds' Newspaper.

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YOUR MONEY IN SOILS OF EVANS CREEK VALLEY

One grower sold \$110 strawberries from 1/8 acre rows 3 ft. apart. Another grew 16 tons pumpkins on less than 2 acres. Sold berries to local store \$97, besides giving quantities of fruit for picking from 40 hills raspberries and 38 Logan berries.

One grew 380 boxes Yellow Newtown Apples on 2 acres young trees, worth \$245 f. o. b. Medford. 28 boxes Gravensteins from 1 tree sold \$28 f. o. b. Woodville. 225 Salway Peach Trees in four successive years sold:

1904	1300 boxes
1905	2300 "
1906	1300 "
1907	1000 "

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