

GARDENING IN TOWNS

THE CULTIVATION OF VACANT LOTS AND WASTE LAND.

Provides Profitable Work For the Unemployed and Helps Beautify the Town—How the Plan Has Succeeded in Philadelphia.

"The Cultivation of Vacant Lots" was the title of a lecture delivered in Washington recently by R. G. Powell, superintendent of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots association.

Mr. Powell's scheme is to obtain the use of every vacant lot in the city and make farmers and gardeners out of the city's poor.

"The small beginning made seven years ago in Philadelphia in the cultivation of vacant lots has become a means of aiding the unemployed," said Mr. Powell.

"The vacant lot gardening has already become a most important branch of the public schools in many sections of this country."

"The incalculable benefits of fresh air and moderate exercise to the physical health of every one are well known."

"What made this great change? Instead of hanging around they have had pleasant and profitable employment."

"The season for lightning losses is at hand. A large share of the losses which the farmers' mutual insurance companies are called upon to pay is caused by loss of stock by lightning."

"Some may be rather skeptical as to the statements made, especially in regard to the large returns for the small expenditures, but you should consider that our market is next door to the gardens and that the gardener does his own marketing."

"When you get a catalogue from a big mail order house, just look it over and see what they will pay you for your produce; also investigate and see what terms of credit they extend to you in case you do not have the ready cash; see how much they will give towards keeping up the roads, streets, sidewalks and alleys; just write and ask them how much they will give toward the erection of a new church; how much they will give toward the erection of a new school; how much they will give to assist the poor. After you have done this and received a reply see if your home merchant doesn't do much better by you.—Arlington Record.

THE SANDY FARM.

A friend writes us that last winter he was persuaded to buy a small farm, when the ground was covered with snow, on the representation of the owner that it was a good piece of land.

"We came across lately what we knew thirty years ago as a muskeg swamp of four acres, an undrainable and utterly worthless and unproductive plot of land upon an otherwise good farm."

"We have two or three inquiries as to the value of the catalpa as a tree to be planted for post timber."

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HELP BEAUTIFY TOWN.

The School Children of Cleveland Teach Home Gardening.

The plan of enlisting the aid of school children in beautifying a town has met with great success in Cleveland."

"The auxiliary has perennials among its needs this season. These will not bloom this year, but their deep, strong roots take firm hold in the soil and will blossom next summer and thereafter for years."

"Sweet peas should be the first planted. The first essential is a rich, well loam soil in a sunny place."

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only 44 3/4, a loss of three pounds. The hogs were not previously prepared for the test and the gain during the first period the doctor says was due to a fill-up on the apples, or the effect of previous feeding."

"The doctor thinks, however, that they can be profitably fed with some nitrogenous food, and that if pigs could be given an alfalfa or clover range and be permitted to pick up fallen apples it would give the best results."

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Estimates furnished on all kinds of work. Phones: Arnold Main 81. Fred. 66, Main 206.

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COX & WALLIN, Contractors and Builders. PLANS AND ESTIMATES FURNISHED UPON APPLICATION.

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MAYES BROS., Proprietors. Dealers in All Kinds of Fresh, Cured and Canned Meats.

Stages to Cloud Cap Inn.

Ticket office for the Regular Line of Steamers—Telephone and have a hack carry you to and from the boat landing—if you want a first-class turnout call on the HOOD RIVER TRANSFER AND LIVERY CO

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Anticipating your needs I laid in a stock of Spring goods. The largest line of Matting and Carpets in the city. You may need a Range or Cook stove. I have them. February is our winter month. I have Heaters. Have you that tired feeling? I have Rockers that will give you rest. Everything in the Furniture line to meet all conditions. And lowest prices guaranteed. Listen! We are here for our share of the business. Come and see us. We will show you how it is done. Will give you the key to the first move—a square deal. Your money is just as good as your neighbor's, and will buy as much as his money. Full line of Building material that will be sold at Bed Rock prices. Look it over.

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