

OMAHA GARDENS TO BEAUTIFY THE CITY

Civic League Begins Its Active Spring Campaign for Improving Home Plots.

PLANS FOR ITS SUMMER WORK

The garden contest committee of the Civic League opens its third year with the hopes of proving its value to the city on broader lines, and collecting the hearty, sympathetic co-operation of every man, woman and child in its earnest effort to make the city a cleaner, more beautiful one to live in. We have the materials, the climate, the opportunities and the people to do it, as it is being done in other places, splendidly, enthusiastically, and certainly we must not fall in rank behind other cities of our class.

Spring is the season of energy. It brings new stirrings, and everyone, in spite of himself and his cares, gets cheerful and grows optimistic.

The simplest garden may reveal a loveliness the most elaborately designed one may never know. There is no age limit, and no fee required to enter in the contest now opened, and it is hoped that among the entrants there will be many hundreds of children, for the home garden movement ties the interest of the little ones to their own homes and gardens and such property as may be available to them.

Committees in Charge.
The committees of the Civic League that will have charge of the gardening in Omaha during the coming season are:
Garden Contest Committee—R. C. Peters, chairman; Mrs. Lewis Childs, Mrs. Z. T. Lindley, Mrs. George A. Joslyn, Mrs. Gordon W. W. W. Albert W. Jeffers, Mrs. Milton T. Barlow, Mrs. Arthur C. Smith, Mrs. Luther Kountze, T. R. Kimball, Mrs. John W. Rogers, H. Dooley, Prof. E. J. Pratt, H. S. Weller, C. C. Chase, C. W. Hamilton, F. A. Brown, Edgar H. Scott, Robert Cowell, Roy Sewell, secretary.

Advisory Committee—T. R. Kimball, chairman; Mrs. George Joslyn, Mrs. Lewis Childs, Mrs. Gordon W. W. Albert W. Jeffers, R. C. Peters, Henry Dooley, Francis A. Brown.
Southeast Visiting Committee—Mrs. Victor Caldwell, chairman; Mrs. Charles Olfert, Mrs. Theodore R. Ringwalt, Mrs. Clement Chase, Miss Ethel Schmidt, Miss Gretchen McConnel, Dr. Harold Gilford, Victor H. Caldwell, Clement Chase.
Northeast Visiting Committee—Mrs. George B. Prinz, chairman; Mrs. Charles N. Dieck, Mrs. Z. T. Lindley, Miss Gladys Fetters, Miss Elizabeth Peckens, Gordon W. W. W. Albert W. Hamilton, Herbert Rogers.

Southwest Visiting Committee—Mrs. L. P. Crofoot, chairman; Mrs. John Baldwin, Mrs. Joseph Barker, Miss Daphne Peters, Miss Catherine E. Hamilton, Charles T. Kountze, Mrs. Edward Dean, Edgar H. Scott, Oswald T. Eastman.
Northwest Visiting Committee—Mrs. F. P. Kirkendall, chairman; Mrs. A. L. Reed, Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm, Mrs. Warren S. Blackwell, Miss Hazel M. Smith, Miss Helen Scott, C. M. Williams, Joseph Baldrige, Henry Wyman.

Division into Districts.
Districts—The city is divided into four districts by Farnam and Twenty-fourth streets. The southeast district lies south of Farnam and east of Twenty-fourth, the northeast district lies north of Farnam and east of Twenty-fourth, the southwest district lies south of Farnam and west of Twenty-fourth, the northwest district lies north of Farnam and west of Twenty-fourth, and all are within the city limits.

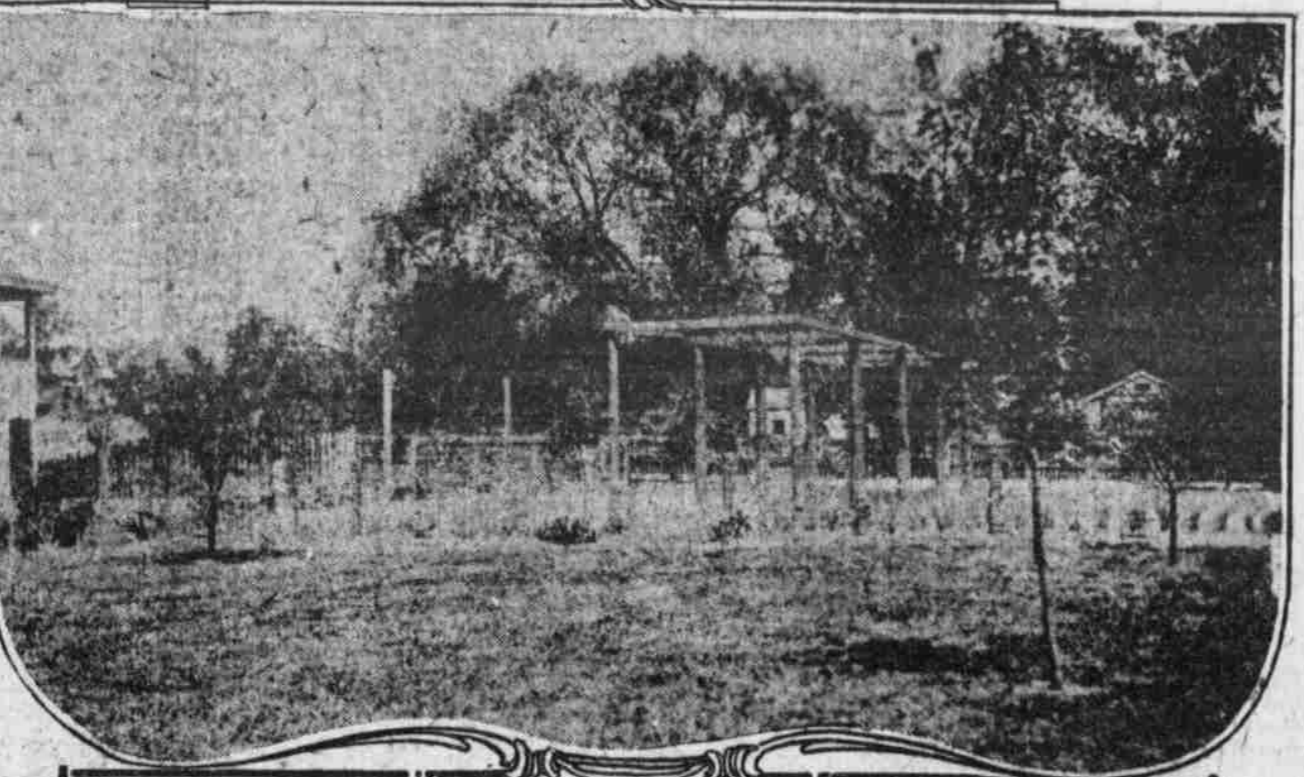
Prizes—In each of the four districts there will be awarded three cash prizes for the greatest improvement in any lot or group of lots, made during the season of 1915. The first prize will be \$15, the second \$10 and the third \$5.

Entries—Application blanks may be filled out and mailed to Roy Towl, 119 City National bank building, Omaha, on or before May 15, 1915. Judgments will be made in September and the prizes awarded shortly thereafter.

Rules of Competition.
First—The object of the competition is improvement. Improvement to the lot or lots of the competitor with consideration for adjoining property and the city generally.
Second—The competition is open to all without age limit or entrance fee.
Third—The importance of the work to be done is valued as follows:
General clean-up of premises and surroundings with improvement to buildings, fences, walks, etc.
General plan of gardening, design, group planting, avoiding second-hand forms, leaving open spaces.
General effect and influence on neighboring premises.
Areas and condition of lawns.
Trees for shade, general effect and hiding unsightly objects and outlooks.
Shrubs, vines and perennials.
Temporary improvement, annuals, etc.
Vegetables, quality and quantity, without detriment to appearance of lot.
No competitor is barred from setting all the help he or she can get.
Any number of clubs together to improve any lot or group of lots.

Story of the Prize Winner.
Last year's prize for first place was awarded to G. W. Preston of 2612 Marcy street. Perhaps the most important lesson to be derived from Mr. Preston's experience is the knowledge of what can be done in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties. If a beautiful garden picture can be produced in a single season from a bare clay bank, what can't be accomplished on the average Omaha lot where the natural soil is almost the best to be had anywhere. One thing Mr. Preston failed to enumerate among the tools with which he worked, are brains. The work that makes a garden possible must be intelligent and must come from a desire that is borne only to those who love nature. Mr. Preston tells how he made his garden possible in the following:
"Having lived in my home for a year before I bought it, I was quite well acquainted with the work to be done to make the grounds surrounding the house presentable.
"My lot is 32x117 feet facing south and on account of its extreme narrowness and its facing west back up on it. Then my neighbors to the east do not happen to have their yards enclosed so during my year's occupancy as a tenant I noted nearly all of the grocery boys, laundry men, peddlars, milkmen, tramps, etc., canvassing or delivering to these houses to the east and west of me made a run-way across the rear of my lot.
"Long before my year's lease was up I had tentatively determined to buy the place. In consequence, I did a good deal of thinking and planning as to just what I would do in the way of beautifying the grounds and had come to the conclusion that if I bought it, I would protect myself from the ruthless destruction done shrubbery, flower and garden beds, by the aforementioned grocery boys, milkmen, laundry men, peddlars, tramps, etc., by building a fence around the back yard, which I did at a cost of \$25. This expense includes the construction of a grape arbor.
"The soil I had discovered was nothing

GEORGE W. PRESTON'S PRIZE WINNING GARDEN—Upper picture shows Mr. Preston and his family on their beautiful lawn. Lower picture shows the place before he began his work of improvement. This change was wrought in a single summer.



but yellow clay and that it would be necessary to enrich it by fertilization which I have done by the use of twenty loads of well rotted manure at \$1 per load; 20 pounds of bone meal; 60 pounds of ground sheep manure and several loads of rich black dirt. In fact, I have spent in the neighborhood of \$100 on soil.

"After having determined upon my plan, I protected myself as much as possible from the vandals of the property boy and others and having brought the soil up to a satisfactory state of fertility, I then bought and planted shrubbery, roses, grapes, berries, etc., to the extent of about \$100 and began playing golf as I expressed it with spade, rake, hoe, shovel, garden hose, lawn mower and other garden tools, with the result pictured in the photograph taken last summer by your committee.

Hiding an Unpleasant Object.
"You will notice in the first picture a garbage can is seen standing behind a little cherry tree. In the subsequent picture the can is not in sight. For the benefit of those who would like to conceal their garbage cans I would say do as I did, buy an oil barrel, sink it in the ground to within two inches of the top, then make a strong substantial cover which must overlap the top of the barrel, then paint both green and you will have converted an eyesore into a thing of beauty and in the meantime it has lost none of its usefulness.

"In conclusion I want to state that last summer in my vegetable garden I raised raisins, in sufficient quantity to last us until after Christmas. Tomatoes were so plentiful as to enable me to pick 175 dozen and more than that number went to waste, this because I could not give them away. Green peppers to the extent of forty or fifty dozen were gathered and the 'trout' caught the bushes loaded with many dozen of great big fine ones. Onions, beets, radishes, lettuce, beans, peas, spinach, etc., were so plentiful as to permit supplying my neighbors and many friends, living at a distance, liberally with 'garden truck' and though I am quite a busy man I found the time to do all of the necessary work which to me was a great pleasure."
G. W. PRESTON.

My Garden of the Resurrection.
"One of the best known women in Omaha has written most entertainingly on the topic of gardening:
"As I sit in my pretty sunroom in town, with its waving ferns and blooming hyacinths and jonquils, my mind turns unconsciously to a certain garden on a distant hilltop, and I know that underneath its gray and somber exterior there lie buried a host of little earth-loves that in May will send forth tender shoots of green to gladden my winter worn eyes.
"These plants are the perennials of one's garden spot. Once planted they come up every year, and the clumps grow stronger and the flowers more lovely with each succeeding season.
"Who has not wandered with a glowing heart through some old-fashioned garden plot, with its wealth of peonies, bands of iris, great masses of varicolored phlox, and its rows of stately hollyhocks?
"A conscientious and thorough first planting and a dressing of fertilizer in the fall keep these picturesque tenants of one's garden in perfect condition, and they make a solid and beautiful background for the more gay and evanescent annuals.
"The trees, the shrubs and the perennials are the permanent loveliness of the garden; I would call them the ancestral dwellers; the annuals are the frivolous and frolicsome visitors.
"An old friend is always the best friend and so I believe that the perennial plants and flowers are the most beautiful to have, and the most satisfactory.
"If you should be sick, you couldn't plant the annuals and tend them, but the perennials would come up just the same and call to you from their familiar places. Here we are, just as wonderful as ever, look at us from your window and we will help you get well."
"A very great man, named William Morris, who accomplished in his lifetime a stupendous amount of work, always had a perennial garden wherever he lived or labored. At his great plant at Merton Abbey there was a garden, and at Kelmscott House there was a heavenly garden. In the spring he writes from London, "I am well, but sulky at leaving Kelmscott."
"So, gentle reader, plant a garden with perennials, if you have not one already. Make it a peaceful shelter from the turmoil of the market place. Have your food served there on pleasant days and sit there in the sun, with a good book. I am not afraid to say that it will mean the resurrection of many insipid truths and half-forgotten beauties—through the renewal of health and hope."
"M. L."

Application to Enter the Omaha Civic League's 1915 Lot Improvement Competition

Omaha 1915.

I hereby make application to enter the Omaha Civic League's 1915 lot improvement competition. The property to be improved is No. Street.

It is about feet wide and feet long.

My name is

My address is

My telephone number is

Mail this application promptly to ROY TOWL, Secretary Omaha Civic League, City National Bank, Omaha.

Ure and Smith Busy at Lincoln to Extend Terms to Extend Terms

Alignment of various politicians in the Omaha city election probably will be influenced by the fate of a bill pending in the legislature, the purpose of which is to extend the terms of county officers till 1918, according to information from Lincoln from reliable sources.

District Clerk Robert Smith and Treasurer Ure, the Douglas County officials seeking to extend their terms, without letting the voters have a say about it, have been in Lincoln the greater part of the time for two weeks or more. They have spent most of their time at the Lyndell hotel. The following trade has been pretty well established, as it is said:

In return for the support of Senators Howell and Bedford for their term extension bill, Smith and Ure are to turn over to Howell and Bedford in the city election the influence of their court-house-water board political machine in Omaha. Democratic support to Senator Hitchcock and county officers out in the state are said to have also been enlisted for the measure by making them believe that the fewer local issues entering into Hitchcock's campaign next year the more easily he will be defeated.

The present law prevents Treasurer Ure from taking a third term, which accounts for his interest in the extension bill, although nothing has occurred during his

Weaver Takes Look at the Prinz Eitel

Attorney Frank L. Weaver has returned from Newport News, where he stood alongside the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which was being coaled. Beyond the three-mile line this Omaha saw six battleships waiting to pounce upon the Eitel should it put to sea.

Mr. Weaver left Omaha a week ago to look up estate matters at Dover, Del. He traced a will which was dated in 1917 and scoured court records written on parchment. During the trip he was on board the United States battleship Delaware, saw the Alabama and Philadelphia, three submarines, three torpedo boats and attended a session of the legislature in Trenton, N. J.

Bring On the Parade, Says Colonel Welsh

Joy to the world; the Easter weather will be propitious for the style parade. "Easter will be a good bonnet day," Forecaster Welsh promises. He predicts fair weather for Omaha.

Eat Less Meat If Back Hurts

Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Kidneys if Bladder Bothers You—Drink Lots of Water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, cold stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

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