

Vegetable Growers Capture City Garden Plots

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By FRANK RIDGWAY. By transforming Chicago's vacant lots and waste land into miniature farms, the City Garden association has furnished 900 gardeners with plots from which thousands of families will be supplied with fresh vegetables this summer.



GARDEN GOSPEL—Left: Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham, president of the City Gardens association, explaining the rules and regulations to three recruits, Mike Terranella, I. Laetri and Santa Terranella, who have just enlisted in her 1921 army of 900 vegetable gardeners. Right: M. E. Green, superintendent, is pointing out the exact location of Mrs. Antonina Metegrano's plot.

There is a spirit of friendly rivalry among the Greeks, Italians, Irish, Swedes, Germans, Frenchmen, and families of other nationalities in the growing of their crops. Mike Terranella's record in growing vegetables last year is envied by the gardeners, and many of them will use the extra hour of daylight this summer to beat Mike's record.

from another's garden is immediate forfeiture of the ground and crops without compensation. This is practically unknown in the association. If the gardens are neglected without a good reason they are forfeited, but this has seldom happened. On the contrary, the gardeners work consistently and guard one another's gardens against possible marauding from the outside.

Philadelphia Now Ranks Third as Produce Center In South Dakota

The city of Philadelphia, ranking third in population among cities of the country, likewise holds third place among the fruit and vegetable consuming markets of the nation, with a total of 63,380 cars of apples, cabbage, cantaloupes, onions, peaches, potatoes, strawberries and tomatoes received and unloaded during the four calendar years of 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919, according to figures recently released by the bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture.

Investment houses have been figuring on the return of the proposed new issue of Federal Land bank bonds, details of which will probably be announced shortly. Former issues of these bonds are redeemable five years after date, but the new bonds will not be redeemable until the 11th year. This is an especially attractive feature, as many investors now prefer bonds which cannot be taken away for at least a reasonable period of time.

Store Surplus for Winter

There are 124 other gardens besides Mike's on the tract, and while his method of French farming is more intensive than most others, all of the gardeners raised enough vegetables to last them through the summer and had many varieties to store for winter use.

New Federal Farm Bank Bonds Are Attractive To Large Investors

The gardens are given out by Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham, president of the City Garden association, and M. E. Green, superintendent of the gardens. The work was started about 12 years ago and continues to grow in size and importance. As far as possible, the same plot is assigned to a gardener year after year. After the first season of work the gardener always takes a proprietary interest in his bit of ground.

Although some of the railroad companies have been granted an increase of rates, nevertheless, the higher rates which the Interstate Commerce commission has permitted, have not been so great as materially to effect the higher rates which have been reported by the stockholders of the railroads.

Very few of the railroads are in a position to pay dividends. The fact that the railroads are not paying dividends is a reflection of the fact that the railroads are not earning enough to cover their operating expenses.

Monster Incubator Turning Out Future Fries by Thousand

When one speaks of a chicken ranch the first thought that usually comes is of a large number of fowls running about in yards or pens, but up near Auburn, Neb., H. M. Wells has a different kind of a chicken ranch, and one which is proving a success.

Total of 2,810 Cars of Spuds Inspected Up to First of April

The bureau of markets of the Nebraska department of agriculture reports a total of 2,810 cars of potatoes inspected this season, up to the first of April and it is expected that the total number of cars will exceed the 3,000 mark. The number of cars inspected last season was 1,718.

Progress of the Crops

With the opening of a new crop season there are many things which are of considerable importance in the crop department. The first of these is the date of planting, which may be of great importance in the crop department.

Steamships Cut Rates On South African Wool

Steamship lines running between South African ports and the United States recently announced a scale of reduced rates on wool and dry hides, as well as some other articles of freight for export to American markets.

Nebraska Corn to Be Placed In Corner Stone of U. S. Bank

Corn from fields close to Norfolk will be a part of the contents of a receptacle which will be deposited in the cornerstone of the new \$4,000,000 federal reserve bank building to be erected at Kansas City this year.

Moisture Is Overcast

Next to the amount of the overcast distribution of winter moisture, the New England and Atlantic coast states, the northwestern states, the middle west and the Pacific northwest have had abundance of moisture. The entire wheat belt in the north and eastern Nebraska got pretty well soaked the last week in March.

Iowa Beet Sugar Factory May Not Open This Season

It is altogether likely that the large sugar beet plant at Waverly, Ia., will not be opened during the coming season. It is reported that no move toward making contracts for beets with the farmers in that territory has been made by the company.

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President Sees Need of Lower Rates and Wages

President Harding has recognized inferentially at least that at the time of the government control and operation of the railroads everything possible was done in the interest of labor and practically nothing in the interest of the investors and stockholders.

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Market News of the Day

Financial

The New York Times. By ALEXANDER DANA NOYES. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, April 3.—The noteworthy financial incidents of last week were four in number, an almost unprecedented large movement of newly-imported gold into the federal reserve bank, which, along with continued rapid reduction of loans and note circulation, brought the reserve system back to the position it occupied when the after-war deflation began early in 1919.

Live Stock

Receipts—Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Official Monday: 6,251 5,471 11,858. Official Tuesday: 4,891 5,841 11,188. Official Wednesday: 4,146 11,248 9,184. Official Thursday: 2,279 4,700 2,885. Official Friday: 1,840 2,388 2,882. Estimate Saturday: 60 3,400 4,400. Six day total: 22,007 40,174 41,478. Same day 2 wk. ago: 20,141 40,779 42,788. Same day 3 wk. ago: 17,857 38,183 39,102. Same day year ago: 21,901 33,692 44,478.

Omaha Grain

Omaha, April 2. Larger receipts of grain were on hand today. Wheat arrivals were 62 cars, corn 57, oats 13, rye 2 and barley 2. Wheat and corn prices were quoted strong. Oats brought yesterday's figures. Rye and barley were unchanged.

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