

# Home Gardening Directed by Schools

Washington, D. C., April 7.—Home gardening directed by the school is offered by Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, as a solution for some of the most pressing educational and economic problems in city and suburban life. Dr. Claxton would have every vacant town lot transformed into a garden, where boys and girls would raise vegetables, berries, and fruit for pleasure and for profit. He would have one teacher in the community employed 12 months in the year to teach elementary science in school and direct the home-garden work after school, on Saturdays, and during the summer vacation.

"Of the 13,000,000 children between the ages of 6 and 20 in the cities, towns, manufacturing villages, and suburban communities of the United States," says Dr. Claxton, "not more than 15 per cent are away from home during the summer vacation or engaged in regular employment. The remaining 85 per cent remain at home large part of their time. On the other hand, there is much valuable land in back yards and vacant lots that is serving no useful purpose. The problem is to bring this land and these children together."

"In every school and community there should be at least one teacher who knows gardening, both theoretical and practical. This teacher in the schools during the school hours and should, out of school hours direct the home gardening of the children between the ages of 7 and 14 or 15. If possible the teacher should have the assistance of an expert gardener, so that the work may be done in the most practical and profitable way. The teacher children find the plots of ground in back yards, front yards, and vacant

lots near their homes best suited for gardening work, and then by some cooperative method to have the lots properly plowed and prepared for cultivation, help them select seeds show them how to plant, cultivate, and harvest, so as to obtain the best results.

"Vegetables, berries and fruits for the children and their families; grown should be used first as food the surplus should be marketed to the best advantage. Through the help of the teacher this can be done in a co-operative way. Ten or fifteen cents worth of vegetables each day from the gardens of each of 200 children would amount to \$20 or \$30 in the summer and fall when the surplus is large and can be marketed to advantage, the teacher should direct and help the children in canning and preserving for winter use or for sale. The canning and tomato clubs of the Southern States have already shown what can be done in this way.

"It is difficult to estimate the results of this plan when it shall be in full operation throughout the country. For the children it will mean health, strength, joy-in-work, habits of industry, in understanding of the value of money, as measured in terms of labor, and such knowledge of the phenomena and forces of nature as must be had for an understanding of most of their school lessons. They will also learn something at least of the fundamental principle of morality; that each individual must make his or her own living; must, by some kind of labor of head, hand, or heart, contribute to the common wealth as much as he takes from it, must pay for what he gets in some kind of coin.

"This plan in full operation would probably do more toward keeping children out of the factories and mills than all of the child-labor laws on the statute books. A boy 10 or 12 years of age, with a quarter of an acre of land, working under careful direction, can produce more for the support of the family than could be purchased with the child's wages from the mill. Children should not be ground in the mills nor sweated in the factories; their strength should not be sapped and their nerves racked by working in the heat and dust of indoors, yet all children should learn to work; it is good for them and they joy in it. To work with his feet in the soil, its head in the sunshine, and its lungs filled with good fresh air is not a bad thing for any healthy child.

"This plan will also do much to solve the problem of the idle negro. A large part of the negroes of the southern states live on the outskirts of cities and small towns. Their cabin homes are frequently on large lots and surrounded with vacant lots covered with weeds and rubbish. During the vacation months the negro children roam idly on the streets, falling into mischief and vice. Under proper direction they might make, on these back yards and vacant lots enough to support themselves and more, at the same time they would

be kept from vice and would gain habits of industry. Incidentally negro quarters would be changed from places of ugliness to places of beauty.

"Probably one of the most valuable results of this plan would be to make it easy for most children to attend school three or four years longer than they now attend, since education for life and citizenship in our industrial, civic, and social democracy can not be obtained before the age of adolescence. If a child can contribute to its support while in school, it may remain in school much longer than if it must be carried as a dead weight until it quits school to go to work.

"Compared with the results, the cost will be inconsiderable. No addition to the number of teachers will be required. It will only be necessary to require different preparation for one teacher in each school."

## IMPORTANT MEETING HELD AT LOUISVILLE

Louisville, Ky., April 7.—A convention under the joint auspices of the Southern Educational Association and the Conference for Education in the South opened in this city today and will continue through the remainder of the week. The importance of the meeting in its relation to the future welfare and development of the South can scarcely be overestimated.

The conference will not confine itself to the discussion of educational topics. A much broader field will be covered by the addresses, papers and discussions that will make up the program. The underlying idea is to interest laymen in education as a civic responsibility. To this end, the conference will undertake to develop and promote the idea of rural economics, with a view of building up a better and more comfortable home life, especially among the poorer classes of the sparsely settled districts in the South. Farmers' co-operative work and the problems of the rural church and school will receive particular attention. Besides the general sessions there will be meetings by sections, in which every phase of the uplift movement will be discussed in detail.

The conference has brought together not only the leading spirits in every branch of educational work, but a large number of business men, bankers, professional men, college men, and, in fact, men of nearly every walk of life, who have banded together for the common object of raising the standard of citizenship in the section in which they live.

## ELEVATOR WILL COST \$300,000

### Pillsbury Company Rushing Plans to Add Capacity 1,500,000 Bushels

Minneapolis, Minn., April 7.—The Pillsbury Flour Mills company will build an addition to its plant that will make one of the largest construction jobs for some time in the milling industry, in the form of a fire-proof grain storage elevator of 1,500,000 bushels capacity. As soon as the plans now partly complete, can be finished and contracts let the work will start and it is expected that the new elevator will be ready. Alfred F. Pillsbury said, by the time this year's wheat crop begins to come upon the market in the early fall.

The style of construction of the building is not yet determined upon. William de la Barre, engineer of the Minneapolis Mill company, has been consulted in the making of the plans. It is expected that the plans can be completed and the excavation work started in time to have the house ready to take in grain by September 1st.

The new storage house will cost \$300,000. From the standpoint of addition to the milling industry as a whole and of additional Minneapolis grain carrying capacity, the new construction will be important, but it will also add materially to the total of new building work in prospect for the year with reference to labor employment.

## WESTERN GOVERNORS HOLD A CONFERENCE

Denver, Colo., April 7.—The conference of Western governors, which was organized at Salt Lake City a year ago, assembled in this city today for its second meeting. The attendees include the governors or their delegated representatives from California, Idaho, Arizona, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The chief purpose of the conference is to unite the Western States in a definite policy on public questions of common interest. The most important of these questions are those with which the Federal government, such as forestry, irrigation, water power and the conservation of the natural resources in general. The conference also will agree upon a program for the Western Irrigation Congress which is to meet here Thursday in response to the call recently issued by Secretary Lane of the Interior Department.

♦♦♦♦♦ PLAYS AND PLAYERS. ♦♦♦♦♦

"The Squaller," by A. E. Thomas, has been renamed "The Force." Francis Wilson is to come under the management of Charles Frohman next season.

Bianche Bates is to make a transcontinental tour in Barrie's "Half an Hour."

Herbert Kelsey and Effie Shannon have revived "Her Lord and Master" in San Francisco.

Otis Skinner will begin his season in October in the new Gaiety play "The Mob."

"The LaSalle Opera house in Chicago has become the home of high-class photoplays.

Miss Gertrude Coghlin, daughter of the late Charles Coghlin, has returned to the stage after an absence of five years.

Eva Tanguay has closed her tour on account of ill health and proposes

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to sail soon for a long vacation in Europe.

William A. Brady has accepted a new play by Sydney Rosefeldt entitled "The Charm of Isabel" which will be produced next fall.

Marcus Loew and his associates have taken over the Sullivan and Considine circuit of vaudeville theaters, extending from Chicago to the Pacific coast.

The Henry B. Harris estate will produce "Oh, What a Day," a new farce comedy by Abraham Schomer, in Washington within the next week or two.

David Belasco has given up the lease of the Republic Theater in New York that he has occupied for many years. The house has been taken over by A. H. Woods.

Victor Herbert has been engaged to write the music for an operetta, to be produced next season in which Hazel Dawn, who appeared in "The Pink Lady," will be starred.

Instead of forming other companies to give opera in the vernacular in Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston next season, the original Century Opera company will visit those cities after its engagement in New York.

The late B. F. Keith spent his boyhood and youth on a New Hampshire farm. His first connection with the amusement world was in the capacity of a stake driver for a small traveling circus touring New England.

William Harbit, another of "The Strange Woman," scored his first success as a playwright with "The Writing on the Wall," which was in the repertoire of Olga Nethersole for several seasons. His best known work is "The Fighting Hope," in which Blanche Bates starred.

## IMPORTANT DECISIONS AWAITED

Springfield, Ill., April 7.—Several cases of more than ordinary importance are docketed for hearing and decision at the term of the Illinois supreme court which began today. Decisions are expected in the case involving the validity of the woman's suffrage act and in the Sellers case, involving the State civil service act.

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One of the important cases scheduled for argument is the appeal of Mr. Harry Spencer, who is under sentence of death at Wheaton for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat. Harry Spencer, who is under sentence of death at Wheaton for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, is under sentence of death at Wheaton for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat.

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## DR. ELAM TO FACE A MURDER CHARGE

Kansas City, Mo., April 7.—The case of Dr. W. T. Elam, under indictment for first degree murder, will be called in court tomorrow and it is expected the trial will proceed within a few days. The crime of which Dr. Elam is accused was one of the most sensational enacted in this city in several years. On November 18 last he is alleged to have shot and killed William Putnam Cramer, whom the physician accused of intimacy with his wife. The killing occurred in a room in a local hotel where the two men had met to talk the matter over. Dr. Elam had previously prepared a list of questions which he intended to propound to Cramer. The latter was accompanied to the hotel by his attorney and Dr. Elam was attended by a private detective whom he had hired to shadow Cramer and Mrs. Elam. At the time of the conference, however, the two principals were alone in the room and there were no witnesses to the tragedy. Following a single shot from a revolver Dr. Elam came out of the room and is alleged to have declared that he had killed the doctor, selling his home. Later, however, he stated that the shooting was an accident and that he did not know how it had occurred. The victim of the shooting died almost instantly. Dr. Elam is a resident of St. Louis and for many years had occupied a high place in the medical profession. Cramer, the victim of the tragedy, was an advertising solicitor for a well known magazine and lived with his wife in Chicago. After the killing Mrs. Elam went to Detroit to reside with her mother.

## CHARGED WITH SELLING DRUGS

Columbus, O., April 7.—The State Medical Board met today to consider charges made against Dr. Carl R. Noble, a prominent physician of Sandusky, and coroner of Erie county, who is accused of selling habit-forming drugs in violation of the law. The charges resulted from an investigation made by W. R. Howe, State drug inspector.

Bismarck, N. D., April 7, 1914.  
Dog tax for the year 1914 is due and payable at Fire Hall. All dogs that are not tagged by 15th day of April will be taken up to City Pound, advertised, now if not called for in 24 hours, will be killed. Male dogs, \$1; Female dogs \$3.00.  
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