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BIG SEED FARM

George E. Starr, a Birmingham Student, Makes Good on a Seed Farm at Grass Lake.

From the Grass Lake News. So many people in this locality have expressed an interest in the Grass Lake Stock Seed Farm since it was established here, that a short description of the farm, its objects and methods may not be amiss.

The term "stock seed" is one used by seeds men to denote the pure, well bred seeds, which are sold to the farmer and grower. As we all know, there is a tendency in all cultivated varieties of plants and vegetables, to "run out" as we say, that is, to revert to the original wild form or to sport to some more undesirable form. If this tendency is not corrected by a course of continuous selections and breeding up, many of our choicest varieties would soon become worthless.

It was for the purpose of establishing a plant breeding station, that the Jerome B. Rice Seed Co. selected the farm at Grass Lake. This farm has a very large tract in all varieties of garden and farm seeds. Their headquarters are located at Cambridge, New York. But on account of it being necessary to grow the different sorts of seeds in localities best adapted to each variety, they have established branches in several other sections of the United States. There is a large warehouse at Detroit, another at Bozeman, Montana, and smaller growing stations. It is the function of the farm at Grass Lake to furnish the high bred seeds to the various growing stations, there to be used for the production of high grade seed for the trade.

Many farms were inspected before the right one was located. There were so many points to be considered when one takes into consideration the fact that one type of soil will not produce all varieties of vegetables to perfection. There must be more or less variation, from the heavy soil, with some clay in its composition, to the lighter, sandy soil. All difficulties were finally overcome by the joining of several farms composed of the following: The Watkins farm of 310 acres, the Abbott farm of 235 acres, the Lampara farm of 120 acres and the Reynolds farm of 40 acres, making a contiguous strip of land a little more than two miles long and more than one-half mile wide. It is an especial advantage that the farm is as long as it is, for many fine stock seeds are sometimes ruined by cross fertilization in the same field. The pollen is carried to some distance by insects or by the wind and for this reason it is necessary to separate differing varieties by long intervals.

A list of the crops grown on the farm would include nearly everything one finds in the average seed catalogue. There are about 500 acres under cultivation, including 30 acres of potatoes, in many varieties, 200 acres of various sorts of sweet corn, besides radish, beans, cucumbers, melons, squash, onions, carrots and turnips, seeds in several varieties, and in lots ranging in size from one to twenty acres.

One of the sights of the farm just now is a five acre field of "Blanche Ferry" sweet peas, fairly loaded with a revelation of the beautiful pink and white blossoms. Another handsome exhibit is a large field of onions in full bloom, growing in stately rows, each stem crowned by a huge white ball composed of many smaller blossoms. The radishes are also adding to the beauty of the farm just now with their mass of white blossoms.

It being the object of the farm to produce quality in seeds, each variety is subjected to the closest inspection and most rigid selection, before it is allowed to produce seed. For example, all radishes are grown in seed beds. When they have reached the proper stage, they are pulled and only the ones which conform to a certain standard of color, shape and other characteristics are taken to the fields for transplanting. So careful is the selection that many times more than one root in ten is rejected as unworthy of producing seed.

For many years it has been the policy of the Jerome B. Rice Seed Co. to endeavor to maintain a high quality in standard varieties of vegetables, but to go slow with the introduction of new varieties until they had been thoroughly tested under a variety of conditions and their merit established. For the purpose of trying out new sorts, as well as for the comparing of different strains of the older varieties, a testing ground is maintained at the farm. There are more than ten acres devoted to these trials and many interesting things are discovered each year among the thousands of samples under observation. The section of the farm now present is an extensive pea trial, which is now in its prime, showing over 90 varieties from the early dwarf sort to the star-tail varieties.

To keep this large acreage under proper cultivation requires a large force of men. There are at present about 70 names on the payroll, nearly all of whom are recruited from the neighboring community.



AT TEMPLE THEATRE SUNDAY.

Giles, the Secretary of the young King of Bavaria is deeply impressed with the talent and grace of a little girl he sees dancing in the street. He questions her and finds her father is very ill in a zaroff. Upon the father's death, Giles takes little Lola under his protecting care, and has her educated, and engages the best masters to perfect her in the art of dancing.

Some years later the young King attends a performance where Lola is dancing, and becomes deeply infatuated with her charms. A revolution is brewing among the poor people, who are heavily taxed for the benefit of the rich. Lola intercedes for them and the King finally consents to listen to the pleadings of his favorite, and revoke the heavy taxes. This action creates the animosity of his courtiers and noblemen, and they in turn plot to deprive him. Lola with the assistance of several friends is fully acquainted with their plots and plans, and decides to frustrate them.

She rides to the Inn where the conspirators congregate, disguised as a little Dutch girl. There she is recognized and is compelled to flee for her life, but not until she has learned that the traitors have decided to kill the young King. Again disguising herself as a young soldier, she gains access to the castle of the Prime Minister, where King Louis is imprisoned, and succeeds in warning the sovereign of his danger. Some of her friends have roused the people to the danger threatening their King, and they march to the castle with the soldiers to battle against the revolutionary party. Enraged at the failure of the plot, the Prime Minister realizes that Lola is the main cause of his downfall, and orders her to be killed. Lola kills the traitor.

Dismissed all the death of their Leader, the Revolutionists are easily worsted, and the King, his people and Lola are united and general rejoicing.

Garick Theatre.

"Nearly Married"

For the sixth week of her Detroit engagement at the Garick theatre, Detroit, Miss Bonstelle will offer Edgar Selwyn's humorous tale of the complications that beset a couple drawn into the divorce court through the interference of others, then decide to patch matters up and go away on a motor trip only to find that a divorce has been granted. The title of this comedy of the pending divorce suit. Miss King is not on the trail of her unpaid fee and is forced by a violent storm to seek shelter in the same inn at which is stopping Harry and Selwyn. A limited number of rooms cause innumerable complications, with a veritable crescendo of comic action.

Corliss Giles will be seen in Bruce McCall's part of Harry Lindsay and Miss Bonstelle as Bett. The usual Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday matinees will be given.

Two Common Summer Ailments.

Toonians and asthma victims who are not able to go to the mountains find relief in Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It allays the inflammation; soothes and heals raw and rasping bronchial tubes, and helps to overcome cough, cold, croup, and makes sound, refreshing sleep possible.

ANNUAL TRAVEL MAGAZINE.

"Waterway Tales," Published by E. C. Line, Sent to You Free. The latest contribution to the literature of travel is the 250 page book issued by the E. C. Line. It contains a detailed description of the summer City of Detroit, Ill., several interesting stories, and is beautifully illustrated with 100 half-tone pictures.

U. P. Church Notes.

SERVICES AT BIRMINGHAM. Sabbath School at 10:30 a. m. Preaching service at 11:30 o'clock. T. P. C. U. at 7:30 p. m. Preaching on Sabbath evening at 8:00 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting, 7:45 Eastern Standard time.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday will be the tenth Sunday after Trinity and the services will be as follows: 8:30 a. m., Holy Communion; Bible school at 9:45 and the morning service at 10:45.

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Mr. Kenneth Shaw Fisher, of Boston, will be the organist in Sunday. Mr. Fisher has superintended the installation of the chorale in the new Central Methodist church in Pontiac. The chorale is undoubtedly the most modern instrument in organ construction.

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The enlarged church music, a favorable impression last Sunday. Miss Julia Tallifer has kindly taken charge of the music. A cordial welcome awaits all at St. James. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Deer were visitors at St. McCall's in Northville last Sunday.

IMPROVE VILLAGE

Hazel Street to be Opened from Railroad to Woodward Ave.—Other Streets May be Opened.

Hazel street runs east from the railroad and the council has voted to open it through to Woodward just south of the old Quick home now owned by E. L. Torrey. This will be done by condemnation proceedings and the property benefited will pay the damages assessed by the jury's findings. If Birmingham is to be much more than a four corners, there must be ample streets through which to easily reach the lands now in the hands of the speculators. The quicker these streets are opened the cheaper it can be done. Those benefited must pay the cost, and it is the duty of the council to give them the money they wish and thereby increase the assessed valuation for taxation.

Moreover, we have seen a disposition on the part of some owners to build houses on lots where streets should be. This species of obstruction to the proper development of the town can be stopped by opening all the streets now and those owners of small pieces who can no longer obstruct progress, will help pay for these openings and not be injured either. The owners of the holding will be greatly increased in value. Henrietta and Chester streets will probably be opened from Brown to Lincoln avenue very soon. These openings will be to the benefit of the town because there are several hundred dollars by having the street forced through. It is absurd that one should be benefited as much as others and also be paid cash for kicking. No, sir; he who kicks on an improvement should not be paid for kicking. The council should see that every citizen and property owner be given equal justice—kickings and flattery should not be cashed in.

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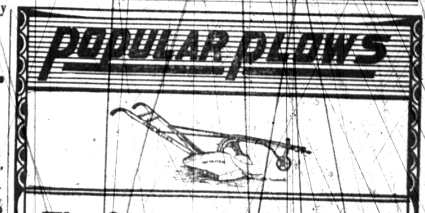
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The Oliver 0-98 and 0-99

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Not interesting. Some people never seem to realize that if you put a matter of great interest, even if true, that they are around night after night and never sleep more than two hours out of the twenty-four.