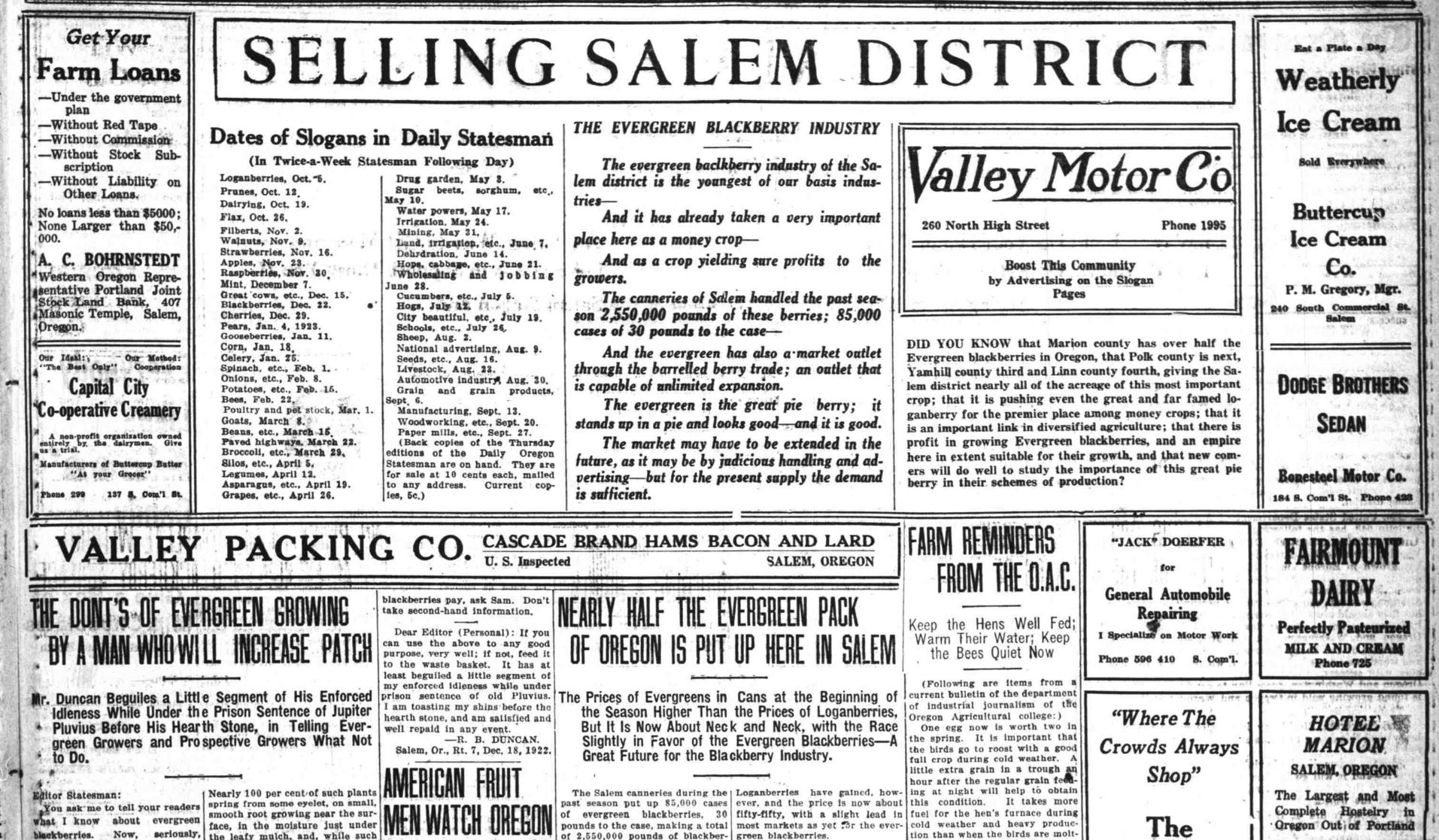
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blackberries. Now, seriously, mail I know about these berries you would not have space nor inclination to use on this occasion. However, if I can be of any service to my fellow laborers in this thorny branch of horticulture, it is my pleasure to accept your re-My experience covering some seven or eight years, quali-fies me better perhaps to point out the way of failure rather than success. And as it is just as important to know what not to do, this brief article, in the light of my experience, shall consist of a small chapter of don'ts. Oh, I know the thrills of reading glowing accounts of golden crowned success, and that the human tendency is to shun the common and prosaic. We are eager for every item affecting the fellow that "struck it rich," but that company that seemingly failed, often after greater sacrifice, toll and effort, excite very little interest in us. I sometimes wonder if we in our thoughts are not shooting away shove the mark of the common, everyday little things of life beore their fruits have ripened into the full fruition of our opes. We have much to learn and experience is our greatest as well as our best teacher; so here soes for a few of the don'ts on torgreen blackberries.

The Dont's of Evergreens Don't set them out at all, unthe you have well drained, deep, humas that will retain a maxin of moisture. Of course irrigation is preferable if possible. Its late fruiting season subjects this berry more than any other to berry more than any other to our usual summer drouths, and nojother member of the berry ampunt of moisture to bring it to haunts. A very little work, prunperfection. Don't think any old land will

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do., If you act on this theory re-sults can be spelled in one wordfailure. I know: I have tried it. masoned that since the wild berry thrives best along the marsin of some sluggish little stream, alagi nothing but buttons; no ies reaching maturity. For mary fibre of root that had liter- acreage the coming spring. It

face, in the moisture just under WEW WAILH UNEBUN the leafy mulch, and, while such plants will live, the absence of of such universal knowledge, it small fibrous rootlets will retard ould be a mere waste of printers growth, and set you back prob-The O. A. C. the Only Instink and good white paper to tell; ably two years. Had better wait tution Conducting Hortibut what I don't know would a year (if you can't get them soonmake a volume of parts that er) and arrange for tip plants. This is important. Don't think because they are a

wild plant they will get on all right without cultivation. On the contrary they require intense cultivation. Shallow, of course, but regular and very frequent, under such methods as best to conserve the moisture, especially so if you do not irrigate.

Don't allow the new canes to grow into the space between rows. During their rapid growth in the early season the canes are exceedingly tender and liable to break in contact while cultivating. This starts a sucker at every leaf on the broken stem back to the ground that should be cut off, leaving only the last one to take the place, as best it may, of the parent stem.

The ground in rows under trellis should be well cultivated and clean, before training young canes, which can be held down by stakes or preferably with loops. Don't use clods for this purpose. In fact, you should have no clods to use, Don't go into blackberries un-

less you are willing to put more strenuous labor on an acre of ground than with anything you over tackled.

Don't go into blackberries with the idea that you will have any veloped many new facts of intervoice as to price of your fruit. est about jam, jelly and dried wholly dependent on the canner and waste products of manufacfor an outlet; but, be it said to ture. E. H. Wiegand is in charge. their credit, in the past they have given the producers a square deal. Don't overlook the possibility.

yes, and probability, of nurturing to a largely increased tonnage the ing and training, would materially increase the yield, and improve

the quality in many places in And Factory Managers Have woods and pastures. Such production could probably sell at Found That They Must profit below cost of field production under the most favorable conditions. Now, don't infer

about an acre of very wet white from don'ts above that my efforts paragraphs of a current bulletin land on my place would be ideal. have all spelled failure. Far from of the department of industrial from don'ts above that my efforts paragraphs of a current bulletin Well, the canes grew with great it. Some of my seed "fell on journalism of the Oregon Agri-promise. The profusion of bloom good ground," and results have cultural college: where the provide the profusion of bloom good ground, and results have cultural college:

Will Nearly Double Acreage ers have found that quality of I am now experimenting with products as well as economy of ix years I tended and cultivated heavy straw mulch in the rows, operation depends largely on the this section with substantially the of course, and hope for increase quality of their butter, cheese ame results, and the seventh in yield and quality. So well and ice-cream makers, and are For has been devoted to a stren- satisfied am I, that we will prob- interested in the manufacture s effort to rid the ground of ably nearly double our small courses at the college.

"Only experienced men have filled the earth. Some job, has been my aim in this article to been admitted until recently when will discover if you ever have steer you off the rocks and break- the ban against inexperience was tasion to try it. A single sec- ers. The constructive, successful lifted and untrained men may t of fibre not larger than a features of the subject will no have the benefit of special

pounds to the case, making a total most markets as yet for the everof 2,550,000 pounds of blackbergreen blackberries.

Their pack of loganberries was 150,000 cases; and this shows how the evergreen blackberry fndustry is gaining in the Salem district; for, only a few years ago, the evergreen blackberry was regarded as a pest here, and as un-The department of industrial worthy of the room it had prejournalism of the Oregon Agriculempted in various pastures and

ries.

cultural Experiments

to The Statesman:

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as teaching."

tural college sends the following fields and wooded places. **Nearly Half Oregon's Pack** "You have something in your This 35,000 cases was not half horticultural products investiga- the pack of all Oregon the past tions no other institution in the season. But it was not far from

United States has," writes C. I. half. Lewis, managing editor of the Some evergreen blackberries American Fruit Grower, Chicago, were also put into barrels in The Fruit Grower has just pub-Salem the past season; not many; lished a three-page illustrated perhaps 150 barrels would cover article on the work of the experi- that part of the pack here.

ment station laboratory in better The northwest, which means in canning. drying and otherwise this case western Oregon and preserving perishable fruits and western Washington, canned 520,vegetables, including the new re- 000 cases of loganberries in 1920. circulation prune dryer. The The pack for the northwest in editor says this story is very in- 1922 was perhaps close to 600,teresting and readalble and will 000 cases.

be of interest to growers all over So it may be seen that Washington puts up more evergreen "I believe you would do well to blackberries than does Oregon, give a great deal of publicity to and in Washington they are nearthis work because there is tre- ly all cultivated berries. " There mendous interest in it all over the are very few wild ones in Wash-United States," the editor writes. ington. "I have been hoping it will be

Perhaps 35 per cent of all the care of the increasing surplus; supported in a nice way on the pack of the northwest represented and there will surely be a rapidly experimental side so you can go for the past season wild berries. growing surplus. ahead and capitalize the present One good authority says it 'was building for experiments as well not over 35 per cent.

Compared with Loganberries

This new work was started a The price of evergreen blackfew years ago and has already deberries in cans opened the present season about 50 cents a dozen cans higher than that of logan-Nothing we can produce is so products, and closer use of culls berries, in the jobbing trade.

cold weather and heavy production than when the birds are molting and setting .-- O. A. C. Experi-**Prices to Producers** ment station. The producers of evergreen

blackbervies in the Salem district had the best of it the past season. as compared with the growers of last winter for peach leaf curl, loganberries. Roughly, the price of the evergreen berries was 5 cents a pound, and of loganberries 4 cents a pound. Conditions at the present time

realizing living prices and making

them certain, and otherwise stab-

fort shall succeed, and if it shall

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try; and perhaps it will show the

way for the stabilizing of the

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when the time comes that wider

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tend to promise a close race in prices to the producers in the future. There is a good demand in periment station. the great pie trade for the ever-

doubt continue, and grow. And jobbers throughout the country also report an increasing demand for loganberries in their various And there are appearances now of a closer organization of the periment station.

ty to this disease. The result was that where previously heavy losses had been experienced there were none this year .--- O.A.C. Exgreen blackberry, and this will no Bees need be kept quiet for the next two or three months. Avoid disturbing them for any

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