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WHY NOT THE OREGON BLACKBERRY?

Salem is the center of the great and growing blackberry industry of the country—which means the evergreen blackberry industry—

The center of the canning industry for that great pie berry of commerce, and the marketing and geographical center of the industry; the center of the growing of the evergreen blackberry, in its wild state, and, eventually, in its cultivated state.

The six canneries of Salem put up 85,000 cases of evergreen blackberries the past season; 30 pounds to the case, or 2,550,000 pounds of these pie berries, going mostly to the pie factories of this country—and the cash returns coming back here to the Salem district.

The United States Department of Agriculture, in Farmers' Bulletin 643, has the following:

EVERGREEN (Black Diamond, Star, Wonder, Ewing Wonder, Everbearing, Atlantic Dewberry)—Origin unknown, but grown in Europe since 1809. Berries large, firm, sweet, quality very good, seeds large. Season late to very late and long. Bush vigorous, tender, productive, deep rooted and drought resistant; canes semitrailing, perennial in some sections, but they should always be trained as though they were biennial like other varieties; root at tips. One of the best varieties in Oregon and Washington, but not generally adapted to the States east of the Rocky Mountains, because the fruit is small and worthless except in New Jersey, where it is grown considerably with success. Planting distances, 16 to 24 by 8 feet in Oregon and Washington, according to conditions. This variety is found growing wild in Oregon and Washington.

There you have it—The Evergreen Blackberry is an Oregon and Washington berry; and this means that it is a western Oregon and Washington berry—

And the Salem district having attained the premiership will keep it—and it will go in ever increasing volume in cans and barrels to the great pie centers, and in jams and jellies to all parts of the world.

The great future of the Evergreen blackberry lies in its great production to the acre and its economy of cultivation, enabling growers and dealers and factories to put it onto the market at reasonable prices.

But some years, it may be a bonanza crop.

It has produced here as high as 16,000 pounds to the acre, and it may produce 25,000 pounds, with proper cultivation and irrigation.

Knight Percy, in his article on the Slogan pages, suggests that the evergreen blackberry ought to be named the "Oregon Blackberry," and that it should be so known in commerce.

Why Not?

It can be done, with judicious exploitation and advertising. The big future of the "Oregon Blackberry" is for the cultivated crop; highly cultivated. It is a most important link in the chain of diversified agriculture for the Salem district, and no fruit grower should fail to have at least a part of his acreage in "Oregon Blackberries."

WHAT A CHANGE TIME DOES MAKE IN THE ESTIMATION OF QUALITIES

Ten Years Ago the Evergreen Blackberry Was But an Abominable Weed; Now It Is One of the Great and Most Promising Wealth Producers of This District—Knight Percy, Fruit Expert, Writes an Interesting Article.

Editor Statesman:

The evergreen blackberry is one of those distinctive Oregon fruit crops which do so well in certain sections of Oregon, and in parts of Washington as well. It ranks with the Italian prune, the filbert, the loganberry and the English walnut in that it finds ideal conditions for fruiting in this favored section, but at the same time cannot be well grown in commercial quantities in many other sections of the country because of some climatic condition. The Italian prune of our growers is known to the trade of America as the Oregon prune. The filbert of this section will probably be distinguished from the imported article by the name of Oregon filbert when our production gets to that stage that we begin to push our nuts on the eastern market. The Oregon Grafted Franquette today tops California's best grade on the market. Our Evergreen blackberry is a distinctive article. The pie factory man prefers this firm fruit to the sloppy article that is put up from other varieties of blackberry.

Would it not be good advertising for the state if the packers would label this berry as the Oregon Blackberry?

The Pie Man Wants It

The pie man wants a berry that will make the maximum number of pies per gallon of fruit. This berry stands up well. The top can be cut out of a can of berries and the can inverted and removed, leaving the fruit in a firm cheese. This cannot be done with other fruits. This quality enables the baker to make more pies per gallon.

The berry is a cheap one to get onto the market. It is canned in a water pack usually, or else is dumped into barrels and frozen. High priced syrups are not necessary.

Is Not a Native

The Oregon evergreen is not a native, as many people suppose, but is a European plant that was

introduced to this country.

FUTURE DATES

December 20, 21, 22 and 23—Marion county teachers' examinations. Friday, Dec. 22—Mothers' Class of First Methodist church meets with Mrs. Taft, 1565 South Liberty, at 3:30 o'clock. December 24 and 25, Sunday and Monday—Supreme directors of Women to be in Salem. December 25, Monday—Christmas. December 26, Sunday—Elika "Midnight Polka," Grand theater. Monday, Jan. 1—Y. M. C. A. "Open House" for everybody, New Year's day afternoon and evening. January 5, Friday—Elvin M. Oswley, national commander of American Legion, to be in Salem. January 8, Monday—Inauguration of Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce. January 8, Monday—Legislature meets

brought to the coast in the early days and has been spread over the landscape by birds and other agencies. It was not until the war conditions had brought on a food shortage of all kinds that the evergreen was canned to any great extent. Lately, however, the demand has increased until it is one of the most sought after fruits that we grow here.

To Get Best Berries

To get the big, juicy berries most desired the planting should be on fertile, retentive soil. The river bottoms and the valley loams are ideal for blackberry growth.

The berry is propagated by tips. However, it is a poor policy to plant the tips directly into the field, as the mortality of these tips is heavy. They had better be lined out in nursery rows where soil is good and where water can be applied if possible, and given prime care the first season. Then next fall plant these young yearling transplants in the field, and very few will die out, giving a much more even stand in the field. One can care for plants for 25 acres on a town lot in this manner, thus cutting down the first year cultivation cost greatly.

Give Them Room

Most of the plantings are planted at 8 by 16 foot spacings, but 10x16 is a better distance, making cultivation easier without decreasing the total yield of the planting.

There are various modes of trellising in vogue. Most of them use the four wire trellis with one set of wires about 24 inches above the ground and another set 48 to 52 inches above. Usually the young canes are carried on the lower wires the first season and then lifted to the upper wires after the fruiting canes of the season have been removed.

Evergreens start bearing commercially the third year, yielding a half ton to two tons that year—if transplants are used at planting instead of tips the planting should approach the larger figure. The yield should double the next year, and by the fifth or sixth year the well handled and well located plantings will produce five to eight tons per acre. The price realized the last couple of years has averaged better than logans, and the yield better, too. Picking costs about the same.

The evergreen blackberry is one of our most promising crops. Its future looks brighter each year. It is one of those crops in which we will have little competition from other sections of Am-

SAYING GOOD-BY TO THE ARMY.



Photo is of Brig.-Gen. Edwards, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Edwards. Saying good-by to the army doesn't seem half the serious business to Gen. Clarence R. Edwards as it does to his wife. But, maybe, after all, that is just a soldier's set smile the grim old daddy of the famous Yankee division in the A. E. F. is wearing as he and Mrs. Edwards posed for their photograph at corps area headquarters in Boston the day he was retired. The final ceremony in which the General had part was the decoration of three men in the ranks that same day.

erica. The 1922 pack at Salem alone is said to be \$5,000 cases. What a change time does make! Ten years ago the evergreen was an abominable weed, whose crop was considered to be largely bird food. Now it is bringing thousands of dollars into the pockets of valley growers.

—Knight Percy, Salem, Or., Dec. 19, 1922.

HOLDING A HUSBAND REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

Adele Garrison's New Phase of

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THE TRIBUTE THAT DICKY PAID TO MADGE.

Changed Plans.

"My respected mother. Oh, you needn't deny it! Of course, she wouldn't admit even a miracle could change her opinion, but something did. She wouldn't come round like that unless some strong pressure was brought to bear, and there was nobody else. She's even willing to stay down here and let you move. Where did you study hypnotism? Let me see your diploma."

"Don't talk nonsense, Dicky," I said. "I simply showed her that we couldn't ask you to repudiate your word of honor, and that the date was absolute. Then a few words relative to the danger of Junior's changing climates at this time made her see the necessity of her staying down here with him."

My husband stared at me with a look in his eyes which made

me fagged mentally and physically, and I wished for a foolish minute or two that I could take Dicky up on the rash, tempesty proposal he had made to go back to Marvin and pack all the furniture himself. Somehow I infinitely dreaded the tedious task I saw before me.

With an inconsistency of which I was fully aware, I found myself regretting my refusal to delay our return North until after the trip to Blue's Bridge Dicky had planned. I really had seen very little of this beautiful and odd sandhill section. My own nervous collapse when I came down, the complication which Grace Draper's nearness afforded, Lella's troubles and Lella's wedding, and, last of all, Mother Graham's influenza, had kept my "nose to the grindstone." And now, this most arduous of all tasks, packing and moving, loomed before me. If I could have had one day's outing with Dicky, such as the canoe trip to Blue's Bridge would have been, I felt that I could have faced the tasks before me with much better grace.

But I had put that away from me firmly, and had told Dicky we must return North at once, because I knew how little time I had for the stupendous task Dicky's rash action had laid across my shoulders. So with a little shake I reminded myself of the old adage concerning spilled milk. Going to my own room I began to pack my trunk and bags for the journey North.

There is an idiosyncrasy of mine in packing which amuses Dicky intensely, but which I always find useful. I always pack first of all the small bag which holds all my toilet articles, my night attire, and the changes of clothing and litter of a night on which one needs for a night on a train or anywhere else away from home. I set that to one side and live out of it until I go. Next I put the things I might need if my trunk were delayed into my suit case, and then, last of all, I put everything left over into the trunk. As a consequence, I never at the last minute find a lot of leftovers which have to be crammed somewhere.

Dicky is Delighted. I went over my wardrobe, lay-

me flush. There was admiration in it, also a quizzical expression. "Oh, you petticoated Machiavelli!" he said, kissing me. "But you shall have your reward. There were no reservations to be had until day after tomorrow in the evening. So you shall have the trip to Blue's Bridge, after all."

And so happy was I at the answer to my wish, and at Dicky's look of admiration, that I put away from me the almost certain knowledge that my husband was in all probability telling me a kindly fib, but had secured the reservations upon the date which he had originally named.

(To Be Continued.)

WOULD MAKE BANK LIBRARY

Placing List of Good Books in Pass Book Said Educational Solution

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 18.—The part that banks can play in bringing to the attention of their customers the desirability, pleasure and profit to be gained by reading good books, is shown in an article by J. H. Puellicher, president of the American Bankers' association appearing in the bulletin of the American Library association.

Great Possibilities

"A list of books on national and international affairs could be placed in the pass book of the business man," said Mr. Puellicher. "A list of books concerning modern accountancy, business law and practice could be given with the accountant's pass book, while a list on composition and letter writing might be handed the stenographer. At the savings window, lists of books on literature could be distributed and lists of miscellaneous books might be enclosed with the monthly statement."

The intelligence test during the war showed much illiteracy. It aroused many to serious thought. It made many feel that they had not properly supported the public school systems. It showed that the illis of America were largely economic.

Would Solve Ills

"The fact that the banker and the teacher had often cooperated the teacher in speaking before bankers' conventions, the banker in serving on school boards brought forth the idea—maybe the banker could further aid the teacher."

The committee on public education of the American Bankers association had ten lectures pre-

pared to be delivered before seventh and eighth grade pupils, high school pupils and college and university students, believing that it was but natural for the banker to be pressed into service where knowledge of elementary economics was concerned.

"Now, if the bank can go further and help the libraries to encourage the reading of good books, it will be but extending its service toward overcoming our economic ills."

Trambitas-Rooney Fight 12-Round Draw at Butte

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 19.—Johnny Trambitas of Portland, Ore., and Walter Rooneel of Butte, fought a 12-round draw in the lightweight feature of the Manhattan Athletic club's boxing card here tonight. Al Sommers of Butte got a 10-round decision over Leo Stokes of St. Paul in the middleweight feature.

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1 pound box \$1
2 pound box \$2

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13-oz. box 60c
26-oz. box \$1.25



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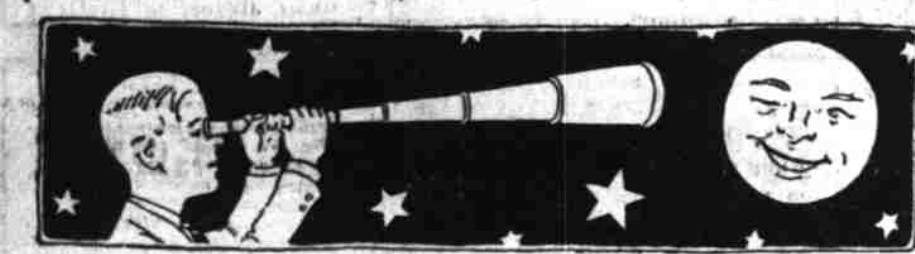
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Other Worlds



WHAT ARE THE STARS?

(This is the first of twelve stories about the mysteries of the skies by Dr. H. W. Hurt, National Field Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, and writer of two of their three handbooks. Dr. Hurt has studied the stars for many years, and at one time was in charge of the Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, where the largest telescope in the world is located.)

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star; how I wonder what you are," is a verse everyone knows, for everyone has wondered at some time about the stars. Thousands of years ago people used to worship these mysteries in the sky. They tried to study them, and the Egyptians and Arabs even kept records of what they saw, but it was Galileo's invention of the telescope in 1609 that made it possible for us to find out that these "stars" are really great suns giving out light and heat just like our own sun does.

Our sun is one of the smallest of the stars. Many of these big suns are so far away that it takes their light (which travels 186,000 miles per second) thousands of years to reach us. When you look up at a big star tonight remember that it is so far away that the light that comes to your eyes has been on the way thousands of years. Perhaps the star you "see" isn't there any longer at all, but its light waves, started toward us years ago and requiring thousands of years to reach us, are still coming, just as when you

Dunbar tipped his chair back and regarded his son with mock seriousness. Now there was only



one thing in the world Jack wanted. That was a good watch, but he was half afraid to ask for anything so expensive.

"Come on," teased the doctor, his pencil poised in the air, "give your order. What shall it be, an automobile or the Benton property?"

That decided Jack. A watch was too much to ask for. He racked his brains. Wasn't there anything else that he wanted? He could think of nothing. "I—I can't think of anything," he stammered.

"Well, well that's fine," laughed his jovial father. "I'll just strike your name off the top of my list. I wish all my relatives were as easily satisfied. I was debating between a watch and a diamond ring for you, but now I'll save all that money for socks and handkerchiefs for the rest of the family."

Jack was glad he had not asked for a watch. Suddenly he had a brilliant idea. "Oh, yes," he cried. "I know what I want. I want a pair of skates. I always have wanted a pair. That's just exactly what I do want." He tried to sound enthusiastic.

"I'm afraid that order's too late, young man," his father laughed at him. "I already have you crossed off my list."

However, Jack felt doomed. He knew for certain that Christmas would bring him his skates. Why couldn't he have thought of something else cheap that he would rather have. He hated to skate, and would rather have had a good book, but it was too late now.

Jack felt that he must act pleased when he got the skates, so he began right away to practice. Whenever he saw his father he made some remark about how much he wanted those skates.

His father looked solemn. "I'm afraid you gave that order too late," he said gloomily, but inwardly he beamed happily. He was delighted to get his boy something he wanted so much. At 17 Jack had gone to bed he said to Mrs. Dunbar. "Well, Jack insists on having a pair of skates this year, and he seems to set on it that I think we'd better give up the idea of getting him a good watch. That would be a mistake. You see, it's a good idea, after all, to find out in time what he really wants."

PICTURE PUZZLE

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AND NOW THE PRICES ARE REALLY CUT YOU CAN BE GLAD OF THAT

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\$4.50 Doll, 26-inch. Now 3.69	Sanitary Dressed Rag Dolls. Now39
\$2.49 Doll, 20-inch. Now 2.19	\$2.49 Dolly's Trouseau Sets. Now 1.95
\$8.95 Doll, 28-inch. Now 6.98	Small Doll Dresses. Now39

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