

THE KING OF THE BERRY GROWERS

Just to Show What a Real King Looks Like, and He Looks Better

The picture herewith is printed just to show what a real king looks like—and this is not a good picture, either. He looks better than the picture.



HON. SAM BROWN

He has not far from 100 acres of loganberries and evergreen blackberries, and he makes the berry industry pay.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Oregon legislature, which will convene in Salem on January 8th. He is a Senator Brown in official life.

But his great interest is in berry growing, and he is a very helpful member of society in that respect, and is always ready to show to fellow growers how he handles his plantations of berries.

METHODS USED BY MR. G. A. MILLER

A Leading Salem Grower Tells How He Handles His Evergreen Berries

(Following is part of an article in the "Oregon Grower" of last February—the magazine of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association. It is by G. A. Miller, a leading Salem fruit grower.)

In the spring of 1916 I got the blackberry bug. I had been growing logans. It was some time in May and pretty late to set berries, but I wanted to plant them out. We went to the woods and picked our plants. I firmly believe there is quite a difference in the plants that are growing wild in the woods as to bearing qualities.

We lined our yard off some eight feet apart and set plants 12 feet in the row. I notice some advocate planting 16 to 18 feet apart and in some cases as high as 20 feet, but I think that it is too far apart, even though I have to cut our vines back several feet.

The second year we cut the vines back to probably 30 inches in length so we could cultivate them both ways again, and obtained an excellent growth. That year we averaged three pretty good ones to the hill. The following year we set our posts during the early winter. We had our berries 12 feet apart, our posts 36 feet apart in the row.

Evergreens Produce Well
We used an inch to an inch and a half piece of board, preferably a full inch thick, with a notch cut in each end, as a spreader for the wires and a rest for the vines. We weave our vines in and over.

The third year we harvested a crop of about two tons to the acre. In 1919, owing to the freeze, we got less than three tons to the acre. This past year the last crop we got just about four tons but as you all know, we had an exceedingly dry season, and the evergreen doesn't agree with Volstead in any particular. It is a wet plant, it revels, it thrives in dampness. You can hardly get water enough to hurt it during certain seasons of the year.

We plow thoroughly, as early in the spring as practical. We plow deep at the center and shallow near the row. We don't fall plow our ground because we sow vetch each year. Then we disc the ground. Next we follow through with a grape hoe. It has a shear on the beam and dig with lever to guide it by. You can shoot it in and out as you pass your plants. It is a great labor-saving device.

The bulk of your fruit is just a little ways beyond your top wire; that is, about four and a half feet. The farther away you get from the crown the smaller the berries. In pruning our blackberries we cut eight to ten feet off of some of them.

IT IS A GOOD LINK IN CHAIN

Every Fruit Grower Here Should Have Some Evergreen Blackberries

(Wm. T. Egan of Gervais, one of the leading farmers of the whole Salem district, had the following to say, in a number of The Statesman a couple of years ago, and, on account of several pieces of information he gave, his words are worth reproduction, as follows:)

"In response to your kind invitation to write a few words about the evergreen blackberry, beg to submit the following brief thoughts:

"It is a prevalent opinion—that this splendid, luscious and prolific berry is a native of Oregon. This has not been my experience, as I paid 50 cents for one plant 43 years ago. Being alone, it grew slowly in pollenization and for a long time was not prolific. When

LEMENCEAU VISITS TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER



Georges Clemenceau at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C., where he placed a wreath. He was accompanied by Col. Stephen Bonsai.

once in full bearing the birds soon scattered the seeds over the farm and the plants were vigorous. I found I had no profitable market for them and felt they were a menace to the farm.

"They tied up the long woolled sheep and were almost certain death to the Angora goat when his wool was long.

"I successfully controlled them in this manner: Cut off the vines, shear the goats, turn them into the pasture you want cleared and the work is done.

"Therefore, there need be no fear of taking them on your farm that they cannot be controlled. At present the berry seems to have pollenized with our wild native blackberry, which has no peer for flavor, and is now a very profitable berry with a world market.

"When allowed to grow in pasture and wood lands, it is best to prune the vines to about four feet, just before picking time; this relieves the pickers from the very unpleasant tangling of the laterals in their clothes and renders the work pleasant and speedy, besides the bush the following year sends out a cluster of short vines about the same length, larger berries and more prolific. They make a very good link in the chain of diversified farming; following closely after the loganberry.

"I would not advise as extensive an area of them as of the logans, for this reason: The loganberry comes on in our valley just when the boys and girls are fresh from school; the parents are ready to take their vacation; the business men and women want a short outing. It is just before the grain, Bartlett pears and hops are on, or the children called back to school, therefore, we can handle a larger area of logans, even if they were not in so much demand. A strong argument in favor of the blackberry is the small expense of cultivation compared with any other berry."

Every Artisan to Get Present Thursday Night

A Christmas party for the whole of the Artisan lodge—there are 500 of them, too—is to be held at the lodge room in the Odd Fellows hall Thursday night. It is a night of events all around with the Artisans for they have election of officers and their Christmas party and tree, and a regular feed to finish it all.

The annual custom of giving presents to every member is to be adhered to. Every member is to have a present to give and another to get, to cost not more than 15 cents. It is the day when the snapping turtle toys and the loaded cigars and the kerosened candy and the impos-

Dr. Jack Starts Saturday



HERE IS A TOSPY EVERGREEN VINE

One That "Just Grew," and Miss McMunn Shows It Justifies Its Life

Miss Ella McMunn last night sent the following to the Slogan editor from her farm home down on Route 8 below Salem; just in time to catch the forms before they went to press:

The slogan editor asks us to get up and tell what we know about evergreen blackberries. Well, we have one bush behind the barn, planted there by a wild bird 20 years ago, and the only reason it was allowed to remain there was that we would have had to burn the barn to get rid

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of it. Every year we put boards on top of it, and with a long pole thrust down into the terrible jungle we teter around very much like a tight-rope walker crossing Niagara Falls, and we pluck \$10 worth of fruit for the cannery and as much more for our own jelly making. The bush is never trimmed except when we fall into it and have to be cut out with an axe, and it never freezes out at 24 below zero and it withstands the heat of summer which has been 120 in the sun where it grows. Another point which I generally whisper is that not alone is there brisk demand for the fruit canned or

made into jelly, but thousands of gallons are believed to be used in the making of... Yes, I knew you would understand. And it is not the average stuff which causes murder, suicide, bigamy, ingrowing toe nails and a low price for eggs. It is good enough for the communion table; good enough for the Angels, and good enough for St. Peter. But, alas! All good things APPEAR to belong to the devil.

Ordering queen bees for early delivery is advisable at this time as the queen supply is limited.—O.A.C. Experiment station.

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