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The season of 1926 is very near now, and the first hatches will be ready for delivery January 25, 26 and 27. Big hatches will continue till June 10th.

Worth Millions
The operations of such concerns here as the Salem Chickeries are worth a great deal to the Salem district—will be worth millions in time. They are largely responsible for our poultry boom, which cannot possibly go too wild, for the reason that we have the potentially best poultry section of the wide world, and it ought to be pushed—

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Editor Statesman:

Blackberries are blackberries the world over, but here they are better, because they are larger and more juicy, and they bear longer and have a better flavor.

Blackberries are fine in all stages. First, the big juicy blackberry for pie, then the pulp for jam and the juice for jelly. I like them on the table fresh with cream, or to pick them off the bush, they are delicious.

—G. L. HAYES.
636 North Front St.,
Salem, Oregon,
Dec. 15, 1925.

William R. Hearst, New York publisher, buys 175 Herefords from Diamond B ranch in Lane county for \$211 a head.

Engine building permits for first 11 months of 1925 were \$2,843,280.

GROWING OF EVERGREENS IS FAIRLY PROFITABLE UNDER GOOD CONDITIONS

But the Pathway of the Blackberry Grower Is Not Altogether Strewn With Roses—The Demand Is Good for the Evergreen Berry, But Growers May Not Look for Overly High Prices

Editor Statesman:

While the growing of Evergreen blackberries is fairly profitable under favorable conditions, the pathway of the blackberry grower is not altogether strewn with roses, but has few thorns scattered among the roses as well as along the canes of the blackberry.

We growers have had the unpleasant experience of losing the bulk of our crop for the seasons of 1924 and 1925 on account of the severe winter frost, and as the cost of pruning, training, cultivating, etc., in fact everything except harvesting, was as much as if we had a full crop. It has hit us pretty hard. The price of the berries this year being higher on account of the crop shortage, of course helped out some.

Prospect Now Good
The prospects for a crop in 1926 are very good now, if we do not get any severe cold snaps accompanied by little or no snow. These nearly always come before the holidays, but we do not rest entirely easy on that account until after the middle of January, when about all danger from frost is past.

The cost of pruning, training, cutting out old canes, etc., is around thirty-five dollars per acre, then comes the cultivating, fertilizing, replacing broken posts, etc., which, added to the training cost, you can readily see that unless a grower gets a normal crop, or nearly so, he is liable to come out in the red when the season's crop is off.

Good Soil, Good Help
Good soil, and plenty of help when wanted, are very necessary for successful growing of the Evergreen; both the quantity and of the berry will be disappointing if planted on poor soil, and trouble will be experienced at picking time if a grower will have to depend on floaters to do the harvesting, as they are very anxious to work at the first of the harvesting season, but when hop picking begins, they leave for the hop fields, although they cannot make more than they could in the berry yard, and often not as much.

Good plants, grown from tips of a good producing yard, should always be used. I have seen many a good man come to grief by planting suckers, for, as strange as it may seem, an Evergreen is not so easy to get started.

There seems to be a good demand for the Evergreen berry, on account of the high per cent of sugar they contain, and their firmness, as they will hold their shape under conditions that most other berries will not; but overly high

prices will never be paid for them, for they are mostly used in the manufacture of pies, jams, etc., and while they are far superior to the wild berry, the price will always be regulated by the supply of the wild berry that grows so abundantly in the Willamette valley.

—SAM H. BROWN.

Gervais, Or., Dec. 14, 1925.
(Hon. Sam H. Brown, the writer of the above, is a member of the Oregon senate from Marion county. He is an extensive grower of Evergreen blackberries and of loganberries. He has been termed the loganberry king of this section. He is also a grower of filberts and a successful farmer.—Ed.)

Tillamook—F. R. Boals wins Pacific International Livestock grand prize for best Holstein herd produce of one dam, bred by exhibitor.

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CALIFORNIA EGGS TO SELL BY POUND

The New California Law Being Enforced; Move Talked of in Oregon

(There is a good deal of talk among leading men in the poultry industry about a movement to have eggs sold in this state by the pound, which practice is general in the east. California has put this practice into the form of law. The following dispatch in the Produce News will give the particulars.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—California eggs must be sold by the pound in order to conform to the new California law now being enforced by the sealer of weights and measures in each county.

Under the new law a dozen eggs must average 24 ounces—that is, a case of 30 dozen must weigh 45 pounds net. While the weight of the case and filler may vary at times, the net weight of the eggs must be up to the standard. With a minimum tolerance of 19 pounds for case and filler and a maximum of 11 pounds, the case, including the cover, should weigh not less than 55 pounds, but if the case or filler is noticeably heavy the weight should show 55 1/2 or 56 pounds.

The most substantial change made in the California egg law at the last session of the legislature was to abolish the old provision that eggs held under refrigeration be sold as "cold storage" eggs.

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The Size Standards
Size standards—which apply to each of these grades—are as follows:

Large or Jumbo, Per doz. per doz. 24 oz. 22 oz. 20 oz. 18 oz. 16 oz. 14 oz. 12 oz. 10 oz. 8 oz. 6 oz. 4 oz. 2 oz.

These figures mean that eggs cannot be called "large" or even "eggs" unless they average 24 ounces per dozen and in no case weigh less than 22 ounces. If they weigh under that average they must be sold as "medium" or "pullets," or "small" or "peewees," according to size. This, of course, is in addition to the other terms above, which tell the quality of the product.

As the average retailer sells his eggs "as is," or as they come from the distributor, it is essential that he secure a guarantee from the seller—as provided under the new state law—and also maintain a reasonably careful check upon the weight of the eggs as they are received.

MORE MIDSHIPMEN NEEDED AT SCHOOL

Admiral Urges Appointments for Naval Aviation Be Increased

WASHINGTON.—The demands of naval aviation alone require an increase in the number of appointees to the naval academy. Rear Admiral W. R. Shoemaker, chief of the bureau of navigation, said in his annual report to Secretary Wilbur.

Admiral Shoemaker urged that the present allotment of three appointees to each representative and senator be increased to at least four, which he estimated would make available between 700 and 750 officers for naval aviation, while the training of an equal number of enlisted men as pilots would bring this total esti-

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mattd by the bureau of aeronautics to be necessary for carrying out its program.

Admiral Shoemaker does not believe in naval aviators remaining permanently with that branch of the service, but holds they should be assigned to other duties from time to time, as "the aviation problem technically as to the knowledge required is no more specialized than the operation of any other type and is even less than the requirement in some of the technical branches of the line in which specialization is not necessary now."

The recommendation of last (Continued on page 12)

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GYROCOMPASS CUTS MAGNETIC INTEREST

Tendency Seen as Dangerous to Work of Destroyers and Submarines

WASHINGTON.—(AP.)—The development of the gyrocompass has led "to a regrettable lack of interest in and understanding of the importance of the magnetic compass," said Captain Edwin T. Pollock, superintendent of the Naval Observatory, in his annual report.

While not going into details on the question, the report referred to the "tendency" to neglect the magnetic compasses as "a dangerous practice."

"On the smaller vessels, such as destroyers and submarines, which are equipped with gyrocompasses," he said, "there is a decided tendency to neglect the magnetic compasses and to place undue dependence on the gyrocompass. This is a dangerous practice from the navigational point of view and efforts are being made to improve this condition."

"Reports also show that some of the younger officers are not familiar with the deviation of the

magnetic compasses, and to correct this condition it is urged that more young officers should take the compass course. The compass school at the Naval Observatory has been kept available at all times for officers desiring to take the compass course, but during the fiscal year only one officer took the course and he only partially and hurriedly.

"Excellent results" are said to have been obtained in sending time signals by radio from the observatory during the summer of 1924 and 1925 for longitude determinations in Alaska, the Mississippi Valley and the western Aloutian islands. These were sent at the requests of the Canadian government and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and were also of value to observatories in Mexico, New Zealand and Australia.

The observation of the solar eclipse of January 24, 1925, from the dirigible, Los Angeles, off Long Island was pronounced "very successful," while plans are said to be completed for sending a party from the observatory to observe the total solar eclipse in Sumatra, next January 14.

Photographs taken of the sun are now said to be made with special reference to the period of solar activity which is developing.

"It is likely," the report adds, "that with the progress of the cycle toward the sun spot maxi-

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