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THERE IS LIKELY TO BE AN OVER PRODUCTION OF ASPARAGUS HERE

The Growers Must Pay More Attention to Quality, in Exploiting New Markets With the Product of This District--There is a Dangerous Disease That Attacks the Roots, With So Far No Sure Control

Editor Statesman: It seems that the big question facing the asparagus grower of the future are not ones of cultural but possibly of pest control and marketing. Beetles are becoming more numerous throughout the state every year. Symphyla are now attacking the roots of some plantings, practically ruining the patch in one season. The former may be controlled by an insecticide, but at the present time there seems to be no sure control for the latter. Another problem that the future grower must face is that of finding a market for his product. With the increase in plantings soon to come into bearing, it seems that overproduction is inevitable. This will, undoubtedly, cause a lowering of price that will in turn produce an increase in consumption. It is very doubtful, however, if this will take care of the increased production at a price which will allow the grower a livable profit.

COLLEGE MAN GIVES DIRECTIONS ON THE PROPER METHODS WITH ASPARAGUS

State Circular by Prof. Bouquet Tells the Beginner the Way to Prepare the Ground and to Put Out the Plants--A Hundred Plants Enough for the Use of the Average Family, He Says

(The following is Oregon Agricultural College Circular 84, on "Asparagus Culture," dated October, 1924, by A. G. B. Bouquet, president of vegetable gardening of that institution:.) Variety--The Palmetto, or any other well known variety, would be suitable for planting. Good one or two year plants can be secured from any seed or nursery firm in Oregon, or the plants can be grown from seed, but of course this will delay the permanent setting of the plantation for one year. Planting--For quick returns from an asparagus plantation, it is best to fall plow the land, applying a quantity of manure at that time. An asparagus plantation should be put on land which is somewhat sandy, as asparagus produced early in the season is worth more and has straighter stalks. The plantation should be put on a piece of land where it will not be disturbed, as it will remain there a good many years. The life of some of the asparagus plantations in the state may be twenty or twenty-five years. The soil should be as rich as possible so the plantation may make the greatest growth possible during its early stages. Large quantities of manure should be applied not only in

FUNDAMENTALS ARE SAID GREATEST NEED

Senator B. L. Eddy Declares Other Subjects of Less Importance

"Our high school graduates are not sufficiently grounded in fundamentals," declared Senator Eddy of Roseburg in an address before members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon. Senator Eddy declared that less subjects of little importance and more fundamentals should be instituted in the high schools. For instance, in grammar, spelling, reading and arithmetic, there should be a reputation in high school of the work covered in the grade school. "The object of high school," Senator Eddy held, "is to make the students altogether ready for life, but to teach them the fundamentals on which they may build. If you have not room for repeating the fundamentals in high school, it is because you are putting in too many courses that do not matter."

"I do not say that our schools have been failures, but I do say they could have done better than they have." Gold Beach--New Gauntlet business building will be started at once.

This is especially true with the present grade of asparagus that is being marketed by the average grower. It seems that if more attention were paid to the quality of the article marketed it would be a great help in exploiting new markets with asparagus from this section of the country. It, therefore, would be to the growers advantage to market an article that he is proud of rather than one that is not cut uniform lengths, dirty, poorly bunched, and is a woody asparagus. This can be taken care of during a period of good prices and still make a profit, but would surely entail a loss to change the reputation of the asparagus from this section during the period of low prices that are bound to come with an overproduction of a low quality product.

E. E. SETTLEMIER & SON, Woodburn, Ore., April 12, 1926.

owners of farm flocks of sheep are especially lax in the use of improper fleece twine, and that it would be to their distinct advantage to turn to the use of paper twine. Wool tied with paper twine will sell more readily than similar wool tied with twine of jute, hemp, or similar fibers. Fragments of paper twine will come out of the wool in the scouring process. Other twines leave bits of vegetable fibers which are removed from the finished cloth by expensive hand labor.

Workers of the United States Department of Agriculture have observed the handicap which improperly branded fleeces meet when they come before the wool buyers. For years many of our largest wool growers have been using paint which will scour out and they realize it helps in selling their clip to the best advantage. One of our largest wool growers reports a saving of 2 cents per pound on wool that is properly prepared. Most of the branding paint is removed in the wool-sorting operation by sheep shears. This wool clipped off in this branding paint is practically a complete loss. Particles of paint which will not scour out are very objectionable. This means an increase in the shrinkage, a loss of wool, injury to other wool, a damage to the finished fabric and requires expensive hand labor and makes the wool sell less readily.

ASPARAGUS PLANTS FOR CALIFORNIA

Salem Men Ship to Growers of Sister State; Car Load This Year

Weeks & Pearmine have for several years been supplying California growers with asparagus plants, produced in the Salem district. They supply them on contract; that is, they are sold before they are planted. They have out now enough plants to make up a car load to be shipped this fall. They shipped a car load last fall. The members of the firm are W. H. Weeks and Lester I. Pearmine. The asparagus plants which they send to California are about equally divided between the Palmetto and the Argental. These are canning varieties. Mr. Weeks told the Slogan man recently that, for Willamette valley conditions, the Washington (green tipped) variety is much to be preferred over any other.

ASPARAGUS HOME CANNING RULES

The Oregon Agricultural college three years ago prepared for E. E. Settlemier of Woodburn a recipe for canning asparagus. Mr. Settlemier says that the best time for home canning is usually in May, as later when it is dry and hot it is more inclined to be seedy. Following is the recipe referred to: "It is of the greatest importance that asparagus for canning be fresh and tender. Select tips of uniform size and maturity and wash them well. Cut in right lengths for the jars and tie in bundles. Blanch by immersing the lower ends in boiling water for 2 minutes, then the entire stem for 2 minutes longer. Plunge into cold water for an instant only; drain and pack carefully into glass jars or enamel-lined tin cans, with the tips up. Fill the jars with brine (4 1/2 ounces salt to 1 gallon of water.)

"Put the rubber and cap of the jar into position and partially seal. (With the vacuum seal jar, put on one clamp; with the clamp jar, put the ball over the top but do not lower the clamp.)

"Processing under 10 pounds pressure for 30 to 40 minutes in a steam pressure cooker is the safest, surest method. If a pressure cooker is not to be had the water bath or water seal may often be successfully used. Process pint jars intermittently for three hour intervals between the periods, or process in boiling water continuously for three hours. At the end of the processing period remove the jars from the canner and seal at once. When cool, store in a dark, cool, dry place."

(The following, of high value to our sheep breeders, is furnished through Clifford W. Brown of Salem, by the best wool marketing authority in this country:.) Progressive sheep raisers are using paper wool twine and sheep branding paint that will scour out of their wool. However, the wool trade reports that there is need for still more improvements along this line. They point out that the



EVE'S TWO LOVERS

EDGAR POE NORRIS

It was all over. They were married. They had had their wedding luncheon, provided by John Ingate at the Central Hotel, and now they were in the Ingate limousine, speeding toward the MacLaurie home, after which the Wales residence was to be visited. They were both nervous about these impending meetings with parents. Both feared scenes. And this was what they were thinking about, not each other. "Let's stay only a moment at each place. That'll give us an hour to drive to Willoughby and get the train there. Then there won't be any damned mob being funny. . . . It was the first time he had ever used an oath in her presence, but she didn't notice it. Her answer was to snuggle more closely to him, grasping his arm the tighter. "I don't care what they say. Do you? Oh, Clay, I'm so happy."

He patted her hand, but still frowned. He looked not at all like a husband of two hours. In justice to him, however, it ought to be said that he was uncomfortable, abominably so. Given his own clothes, instead of these formal, alien garments he wore, he would have been a better man in all likelihood.

There arose at that moment the necessity of directing the chauffeur to the MacLaurie residence. Eve was conscious of the curious gazes of the neighbors as the car stopped before her house and she got out, with Clay awkwardly following. The neighbors, having got a glimpse of Eve's dress and Clay's unique formality, noy stared. To add to their distress, they had to stand on the porch for minutes while Eve rang and got her mother's attention. The door was opened to them slowly.

"Well, mother, here we are," Eve exclaimed, forcing her parent into a hug before the other had time to prevent it. After a moment of silence, during which time Mrs. MacLaurie gave no indication that she intended to respond, Eve went on: "Haven't you any blessing for us? And mother, you ought to give Clay a good buss now."

Clay's eyes started; he thought she said "bust." "I know how much men like their mothers-in-law," was the response. Clay, not sure she wasn't endeavoring to be agreeable, smiled, and received from Mrs. MacLaurie a glance that chilled him.

Eve's spell of happiness was too great to be subdued. Without giving her mother's tone a thought, she ran gayly up the stairs. "I'll be right down, Clay." Mrs. MacLaurie sat down opposite her new son-in-law, and without looking up at him, asked: "Where are you two going to live now?"

"Why, er--I guess we'll be with my mother for a while. We haven't decided." "Humph!" "I guess we'll take a house of our own."

He sensed that he wasn't quite convincing and lapsed into silence. He was relieved to hear Eve's foot-steps upon the stairs. The elder woman got up to receive her daughter. Clay stepped

forward to take the dressing-case and hatbox. "I don't want you two to think that you haven't the best wishes of your father and myself, but I think that it ought to be understood that we distinctly opposed this hurried marriage."

"Yes, mother. . . . I'm glad you feel better now. . . . I write down the name of our hotel in Chicago and left the paper on your desk. . . . I'll write to you. . . . We must go now, we have to see Clay's mother."

"You're so wonderful, Clay." Dusk was gathering, but there was no light or sign of life about the Wales bungalow. Clay's heart chilled at the thought that his mother had gone off to avoid meeting him. And he had neglected to put his key in these clothes so that he couldn't get into the house unless she was home. Worse, his railroad tickets and extra money were in his traveling bag in the house.

(To be continued) In the next installment: A Bride's Doubts.

Girl of Thirteen Holds Elephant in Subjection HONOLULU--Daisy is the name of Honolulu's municipally owned elephant.

Dorothy Mookini, aged 13, is by right of proven prowess and by unanimous official consent mistress of Daisy. She inherited her job when her father Haena Mookini, keeper of the menagerie at Kapiolani park, died several years ago.

Every day it is her duty and pleasure to enter the cage where Daisy is chained and keep her pacified by petting while workmen clean. If she ceases petting the cantankerous creature for even an instant, Daisy starts after whoever else is in the pen.

NEW INCORPORATIONS The Greater American corporation, with capital stock of \$1,000 and headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by W. H. Eald, C. C. Pain and Frank Huffman. Other articles filed in the state corporation department Tuesday follow: B. M. company, Klamath Falls, \$5,000; Dan J. Malarky, Neil Malarky and Howard Barnhisel. Spiegel Cloak & Suit Manufacturing company, Portland; capital stock increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Wheeler Furniture & Hardware company, Wheeler; notice of dissolution.

RHODODENDRON PLEASED TO GOVERNOR

"Save State Flower" Is Request to End Present Destruction

Mrs. H. Rexroad, in a letter, to the secretary of state, has appealed to the state authorities to assist in the protection of rhododendrons which grow abundantly in the vicinity of Devils Lake, on the Roosevelt Coast highway a few miles south of Neskowin. "You have no idea of the number of persons who apparently delight in destroying rhododendrons and other blooms that thrive in this section of the state," read Mrs. Rexroad's appeal. "We have put up signs but visitors pay little or no attention to them. As this is a state flower we feel sure you will protect them."

Astoria-- Surfacing of Cannon Beach Highway will begin at once.

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