

HUCKLEBERRY MEN WILL UNITE AGAIN

Hazleton will again be the center of the huckleberry traffic.

For a number of years the business of picking, gathering, packing and shipping of this wild berry growing all over the mountain tops in this part of the state has been handled here.

Shippers say that within the next few weeks the Hazleton Blue Berry Packers' Association will meet, organize for the season of 1923 and will open offices about mid-June to be maintained until the end of August.

Just what the prospects are for 1923 remain to be seen as the spring forest fires sometimes play havoc over areas which are the favorite picking grounds of the wives and the children of people of the Hazleton district.

Last year with the mines suspended until mid-September, there were plenty of pickers and the supply was good.

It is estimated that \$75,000 was paid to pickers in this district in 1922.

Mapleton, Pa.
Plain Speaker
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