

### A PROMISING CROP

Experts of the department of agriculture point out that a purely American crop of growing importance is the cultivated blueberry. After 10 years of experiments with it, enough has been learned to justify the conclusion that it is now possible for almost anyone to cultivate it in the home garden with profit.

The department points out that blueberries prefer a light, sandy and slightly acid soil containing an abundance of partly rotted vegetable matter or peat. If the natural soil is not available the garden may be easily prepared by mixing with the surface soil a liberal quantity of partly-rotted leaves, sawdust or chips from an old wood pile.

If the soil is clay the addition of some sand will help it.

The kind usually cultivated, the high-bush blueberry, needs an abundance of moisture. If the bushes are planted in a dry location a four-inch mulch of leaves, sawdust, lawn-clippings, or other loose material should be placed around them. Such a mulch will conserve the moisture and keep the soil cool. The mulch, it is recommended, should be left on the ground the year around and fresh material added each year.

In many parts of the country land now lying waste will be found suited to the cultivation of this profitable berry. The department urges that where possible these lands be used for the production of the berry, which is becoming a big and profitable crop in sections devoted to it. This advice if followed will assure an abundance of a palatable small fruit which is becoming more and more a favored article in the national diet.

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## BELLEFONTE

Dreams of a new theatre for Bellefonte have again followed the course of others, apparently, as it is reported that J. Howard Thompson has abandoned his original plans of erecting a new playhouse on the vacant part of the property recently purchased from Mrs. H. M. Hiller and will erect thereon instead a two-story business building with two store rooms facing on High street and extending to the rear of the lot on Cherry alley. This would give the town two of its biggest store rooms. Not abandoning the idea altogether of giving the town a more modern theatre, it has leaked out that Mr. Thompson last week secured an option on the Garman opera house and can purchase it for half what it would cost to erect a similar building. In considering this plan, it was announced that T. C. Brown, local motion picture king, had been granted a lease for another year, subject to the option. Mr. Thompson will have his brother Fred, who is operating a motion picture show in Curwensville and several in Clearfield, associated with him if he decides to close the deal for the purchase of the Garman opera house, which is considered likely. Mr. Thompson, it is said, would change the front entrance from a narrow affair to a width of thirty feet, would place lunch and rest rooms on either side of the hall, increase the seating capacity by adding to the south of the building and enlarge the stage as well as put in long beams to support the gallery and do away with pillars on the first floor. The improvements, it is estimated, would cost \$30,000.

Huckleberry pickers in the Seven mountains district are expecting a big crop this year. Thousands of bushels are sent each year to nearby city markets.

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