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**SELF DENIAL:**—Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. Mark 8:34, 35.

## THE EVERGREEN THE OREGON BLACKBERRY

There was a suggestion in a former blackberry Slogan number of The Statesman that the Evergreen blackberry ought to be named the "Oregon blackberry," and that it should be so known in commerce. The suggestion is a good one. It could be carried out, with the proper advertising and pushing.

We have increasing reasons for encouragement concerning this great pie berry. The industry has become a stable one, and it can be continued as such, and there is possible enormous expansion, without danger of over production.

Only a few years ago, the Evergreen blackberry was a pest, in fence corners and on roadsides. It has developed into one of the great berries of commerce. Like the loganberry, it was an accident. How the first seeds were carried to western Oregon, to the Salem district, is not known for a certainty. But that the Evergreen is peculiarly an Oregon berry, and peculiarly adapted to our soil and sunshine and showers in attaining perfection in growth, is certain.

The 1924 pack of Evergreen blackberries of the Oregon canneries was 170,677 cases. The figures for 1925 are not yet available, but they will show an increase; likely a large increase. And the barrelled pack will surely show a big increase.

In fact, the Evergreen blackberry industry of Oregon is decidedly on the up grade.

And "there is a reason:" there are several reasons. They stand out.

The Evergreen blackberry is peculiarly well adapted for canning. It "stands up" in the cans. In this respect it is in a class by itself. It has a distinction all its own. But there is also opening a demand for this pie berry in barrels and large cans—frozen berries. It is calculated to go in that trade with our loganberries—with them, in nearly all markets, and ahead of them in some.

What is this Evergreen blackberry? The United States Department of Agriculture Farm Bulletin 643 has the following:

"EVERGREEN (Black Diamond, Star, Wonder, Ewing Wonder, Everbearing, Atlantic Dewberry)—Origin unknown, but grown in Europe since 1809. Berries large, firm, sweet, quality very good, seeds large. Season late to very late and long. Bush vigorous, tender, productive, deep rooted and drought resistant; canes semitrailing, perennial in some sections, but they should always be trained as though they were biennial like other varieties; root at tips. One of the best varieties in Oregon and Washington, but not generally adapted to the states east of the Rocky Mountains, because the fruit is small and worthless except in New Jersey, where it is grown considerably with success. Planting distances, 16 to 24 by 8 feet in Oregon and Washington, according to conditions. This variety is found growing wild in Oregon and Washington.

There you have it—The Evergreen blackberry is an Oregon and Washington berry; and this means that it is a western Oregon berry—and the Salem district having attained the premiership will keep it; it will go in ever increasing volume in cans and barrels to the great pie centers, and in jams and jellies, to all parts of the world.

The certain future of the Evergreen blackberry lies partly in its great production to the acre and its economy of cultivation, enabling growers and dealers and factories to put it onto the markets at reasonable prices.

The Evergreen has another advantage, in the long life of the vines. It does not seem to grow old.

It has produced here as high as 16,000 pounds to the acre, and it may produce 25,000 pounds, with proper cultivation and irrigation.

Nearly all the Evergreen blackberries of Oregon are grown in the Salem district, with Marion county first, Polk next, Yamhill third and Linn county fourth in tonnage produced.

## CHERRIES NEXT WEEK

The Slogan subject for next week will be cherries. We are gaining as a cherry center; Salem is living up to the distinction of being the Cherry City of the World, a name bestowed upon her a number of years ago. Our Royal Annes are the maraschino cherries of the United States, and they are also a splendid canning cherry. There is now being developed a big shipping cherry business, especially in Lamberts. There is promise of a great future in this field.

## SAFEGUARD FOR THE PUBLIC

The suggestion that tunnels should be built over sidewalks where building construction occupies the space up to the edge of the sidewalk is good.

Under present building procedure where there is no open space between the wall and the edge of the walk, the latter is generally used for supplies, staging, and building operations. A portion of the street is also usually occupied by apparatus and supplies. Pedestrians and vehicles are obliged to take to the street where the former risk life and limb in the mad rush of auto traffic. In addition to the danger from traffic there is the disagreeability of travel out on

the slippery thoroughfare. And these unfavorable conditions exist for periods of weeks or even months in different parts of the city.

Every aid should be extended to builders but obstruction of the sidewalks for a considerable time is not necessary. A tunnel over the sidewalk can be constructed at a reasonable cost for the accommodation and safety of the public. An ordinance making this a requirement in connection with building permits should be passed and enforced. It is a progressive, timely step in municipal government.

## THE OUTCOME

Siki, former bar-room brawler, red district habitue and much touted pugilist, lies in the morgue while the police search the underworld for his slayers.

The outcome of this as of all unproductive lives is an example to others who aspire to live on their brawn or wits without contributing to the world's good or progress.

## The Arizona Sheriff

Tales of his adventures, his courage, his humor, his keen intelligence—as collected by Major Grover F. Sexton, "The Deputy from Yavapai County."

How with nimble gun and motor car he brings swift and sure justice to evildoers.



She Told the Admiral

There probably isn't another woman in all Arizona just like Mrs. Elizabeth Albertson, boss of the 1,500-acre Bar-Circle ranch on Lynch creek, about ten miles southeast of Prescott, between Black mountains and Prescott National Forest.

It's not regarded as respectful to doubt the word of a good woman out in Arizona, but it seems hard to believe that she bears the seventy mark.

For fifty long years she has lived out there on the Bar-Circle, and from the days when she took her daddy's old 19-pound buffalo gun and went out to shoot buffalo and antelope at 200 yards with one shot for each animal, she has cowpunched just like any man.

Everybody in Yavapai county knows this Junoesque pioneer woman and her clever tongue, sometimes biting as an adder, other times soft as a dove's coo, and in between, dressed up in real frontier language that leaves no room for misunderstanding.

So, when Sheriff Ed Well, the fightingest sheriff in Arizona, was handed a search warrant for a moonshine still on her ranch, he was embarrassed.

All the way out to her ranch there was an argument between him and his deputies over who was going to read the search war-

rant. If there was liquor on her place, somebody was going to be in for a tongue lashing that couldn't be met with a six shooter, and consequently was a danger greatly to be avoided.

And if there was no liquor there, somebody was going to be kidded out of a year's growth with some irony and sarcasm that would cut like the edge of Spanish bayonet grass.

For Elizabeth fears no mortal man. Wasn't she the woman who, visiting her 6-foot 4-inch grandson on the battleship New Mexico, told the admiral aboard:

"If you want to keep my kid on this boat, mister, you'll have to raise them damn decks a foot or head."

It was really a desperate coun-

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rant of which finally fixed upon Sheriff Well, the job of reading the warrant, because of his smiling, ingratiating, pleasant way. He started to read.

"Your gang all armed, Mr. Sheriff?" asked Mrs. Albertson. "Don't think, because I'm a woman, that you can buffalo me. But come on in, all of you, and look all you want to. Glad I ate all that shortcake up; I'd hate to waste it on a lot of deputies."

In and out of scattered ranch buildings the search proceeded, with never an interval of even a moment when her facile tongue was quiet. In a tool shed was found an oil burner for a still and a half barrel of mash.

"Well, can you beat that!" she exclaimed. "Must have been that old fellow I hired for \$2.50 a day to fix my fences. In fact, I remember I did see him making some of that stuff, and I run him out of here. Don't know where he hid put that still."

In a second ranch building was the rest of the moonshining equipment. She was worried a moment, then said:

"Hope you fellows notice that razor and man's coat hanging there; that shows you it was a man running it."

At another of her ranch houses was found a complete equipment in full blast. The operator had fled, leaving behind clothing and mail giving his identity.

"I declare, I never even knew they was anybody living there," she insisted.

After changing her gown and coming forth a most striking looking woman, straight as an arrow, clear-eyed as a sheriff, she skipped here and there about the place, keeping care of the live stock till her return, and regaling her callers with frontier philosophy and comment.

"The reason I keep so fit," she said, "is because I work hard and eat simple food. I never have committed any excesses and have been reasonably virtuous. Course, don't take me wrong. If I thought I could make moonshine and get away with it, I'd do it, sheriff, don't forget that."

"But I've got too many worries here. First my shoats dig out under the fence; then those darned coyotes come right up the gulley there and pick off my chickens."

"They're worse than the pesky Injuns that used to sneak around stealing things. I remember once when I'd killed an antelope with that old hand-made 45-90 rifle, an Injun tried to steal the carcass. Wish you'd seen him when I got to shooting at his feet. Say, he went over that butte like greased lightning."

"I just told that innocent looking deputy you've got there we used to have two windmills, but there wasn't enough wind for more than one, so we had to take the other one down. Honest to goodness, sheriff, he swallowed it, too. He's a tenderfoot."

Elizabeth chattered on, unconcernedly, all the way to the court-

house, the sheriff getting more and more fussed all the time. She was the least concerned of all when the judge said she could go home on her own recognizance. There was a wild scramble for hats.

"Come right along with me," two or three of them shouted, eagerly, leading the way to the garage; "we'll drive you right back home, so you won't be inconvenienced any."

Quaint, anique, hardy pioneer

—Elizabeth Albertson. We never saw that grandson in the navy, but we'll give odds that he's a fightin' bearcat if anyone ever stirs him up.

Salem—Spaulding Lumber company's new shingle mill will cost \$750,000 a month.

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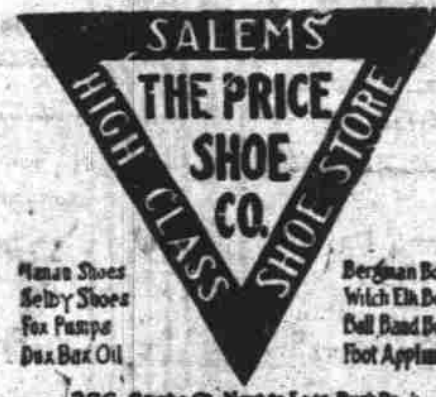
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