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A REAL SABBATH—"Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto the Lord; neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10.

TWO THINGS

If the bankers and live business men of Salem and the other cities and towns of Marion county are alive to their best interests, they will do two things—

They will demand that a county agent be provided for— And they will see to it that 1500 acres of sugar beets are grown in this section next year.

They can do these things, by acting quickly, and with determination. They can back farmers and renters who will grow the beets. They can convince the members of the county court that Marion county is neglecting a lot of its best opportunities for development for the lack of a good county agent.

PENITENTIARY CAN REBUILD ITSELF

What we are mostly reading about now is how to make state income meet state outgo.

There is more to be paid out at Salem than there is power to collect in. The need is for something like \$1,300,000 more than the legislature can appropriate to meet even regular running expenses.

And there are new needs for money. There will be call for an appropriation for a new normal school. And there will be call for a new tuberculosis hospital. And the penitentiary is an old firetrap. And on every hand there is need for additions, extensions and improvements to state property, to say nothing of the county requirements and school needs and sundry and divers other expenses.

The above are the first three paragraphs from an editorial article in the Portland Journal of yesterday.

The penitentiary does need better fire protection—

But it will not for long be a charge upon the taxpayers of the state for either maintenance or improvements, if the present program is carried out consistently—

If it is made an industrial plant, with every one at work; and each one working to the best advantage, with improved machinery and appliances and equipment.

This may require some additional funds to buy new and improved machinery for the flax plant and the lime plant, and for shoemaking and other lines—

But providing for such funds may well be regarded as a loan, to be returned from earnings.

In other words, the penitentiary starting as it is right now, with a little temporary help in providing new equipment, can soon increase its profits to the point of self support, and beyond that point, so as to grow from its own work into a model institution, with good buildings in every department.

This will take good management, but the institution is entitled to good management. It will mean good discipline, along sensible, humane lines, resulting in a high per centage of reformations—

They run to 85 per cent at Stillwater, Minnesota, the institution after which the Oregon penitentiary is being copied; the revolving fund laws of both institutions being almost the same, word for word.

The latter statement is made on account of the fact that a correspondent in the Oregonian of a few days ago made the assertion that such a high percentage of reformations is absurd. That has been the average percentage at Stillwater since 1905, when that institution became self supporting and began to build up a surplus in its revolving fund. This surplus has been as high as \$4,000,000. It could be doubled, in a short time, by adding a fraction of a cent to the price of binder twine used by the farmers of Minnesota; and still they would be making a saving in their binder twine, compared with the cost to farmers of other states.

OUR GREAT PIE BERRY OF COMMERCE

The Evergreen blackberry is distinctively an Oregon berry. It has been suggested that it be named the "Oregon blackberry," and that it be so known in commerce; a good suggestion. It could be consummated, with proper advertising.

We have constantly 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 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 1869. Berries large, firm, sweet, quality very good, seeds large. Season late to very late and long. Bush vigorous, tedder,

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."

The Evergreen blackberry is a western Oregon and western Washington berry—and the Salem district having attained the premiership should and no doubt 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.

This premiership can be kept by putting out more yards of cultivated Evergreen blackberries, and giving them the attention their importance deserves; giving increasing tonnages and increasing sizes, and an improved flavor.

Bits For Breakfast

Now for a rabbit boom—
 With rabbit club organized last night.

Tacoma rabbit breeders have a tannery, and a factory for making up the skins into garments. Salem will have one, and will find markets for the meat.

The Evergreen blackberry center will be kept in Salem if more of the berries are cultivated, and given such attention as will produce a large per acre tonnage of large fruit with a better flavor than the wild berries.

It is not too late to add to the Christmas cheer fund, and especially to make contributions of food and clothing.

And this fund ought to be kept going, for several weeks; till work becomes more plentiful. That will not be long. In the mean time, it is the duty of our people, and should be their pleasure, to relieve cases of actual want.

Now the days are growing longer, and spring is just around the corner.

Those who saw the moving pictures of the Chinese army at the Salem theaters might be interested in knowing, if they do not already know, that the soldiers they saw were the ones that were licked to a frazzle, a few days ago, by the forces of Marshal Feng, the Chinese Christian general. The Wu soldiers looked well trained in the pictures; but the Feng forces have better training, finer discipline; are kept spick and span to the last degree. And the Feng soldiers have something to fight for. They are fighting for a united country, governed by the people. The Wu soldiers fight for an overlord, ambitious only for power and graft. A returned missionary told in a speech at Salem, Ohio, a few days ago, of a strange thing. He told of being awakened, early in the morning, by the singing of Christian hymns by 26,000 of Marshal Feng's men. They are all Christians.

PIONEER OF 1852 DIES AT HOME YESTERDAY
 (Continued from page 1)

I. L. Patterson of Iola, H. R. Patterson of Portland, George S. Patterson of Pendleton, W. H. Patterson of Redmond, P. C. Patterson of Portland, D. P. Patterson of Portland, N. Patterson of Toppenish, Wash., and A. D. Patterson of Prosser, Wash.; also one daughter, Maude Arthur of Portland.

Funeral services will be held at the Keeney Chapel in Independence on Friday, December 24, at

Monte Carlo Raises Fee for Admission to Casino

MONTE CARLO. — (AP) — Thousands of curious Americans who wish to see the inner-workings of the casino without risking any of their money on the tables are responsible for a raise in the admission price from five to ten francs.

The casino authorities contend that around-the-world tours, student parties and especially the class of tourists who travel third-cabin class and wish to see everything, are so cluttering up the gaming rooms with non-gamblers that the raise in price was a necessity.

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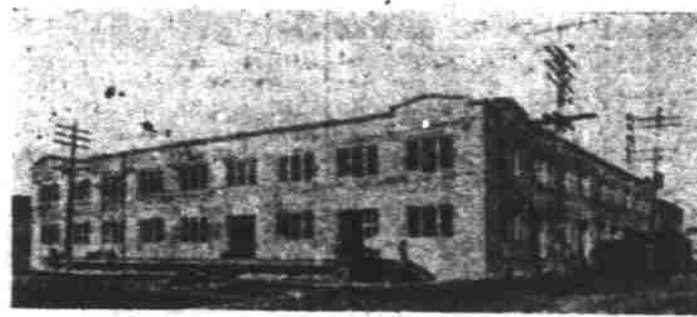
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