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The tree finally cut is selected with numerous misgivings which are confirmed when you see the perfect evergreen brought from the opposite direction by the other fellow and almost as quickly shattered when you hear him say, sotto voce, "See how much better tree those folks got than we did."

ONE TO 20 years for manslaughter is the sentence imposed by a Walla Walla court upon Charles Johnson whose automobile ran over and killed J. C. Kinghorn, a citizen. The public is accustomed to lightning regard killings when they are caused by automobiles. The Walla Walla man knew that, and drove his car without lights.

Public sentiment is a fickle jade. It may today look upon automobile killings with unconcern. But, with the speed of lightning, it may change tomorrow. That has happened a thousand times before and it will happen a thousand times again. On that day, the driver who runs down and kills some citizen under reckless circumstances will be surrounded on all sides with anger and condemnation. The populace will call for punishment to fit the crime, and the courts will respond.

That is what happened at Walla Walla, and the guilty driver is to go to the penitentiary. He will not be the last of his kind. The experience of Patrolman Chamberlain, who took a broken nose and lacerations from two thugs in exchange for his gun, club and handcuffs, suggests to the unarmed pedestrian that if he is out late at night he will be safer if he walks in the middle of the street, which some of them do.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THE Y. M. C. A., after protracted hesitation, has agreed to enter the Portland community chest. But it was not until the association's general secretary had found 60 of the country's Y. M. C. A.'s placing their reliance on the financial federation managed by contributors that he and his directing board overcame their reluctance to entrust to the local experiment the fortunes of an institution of so great importance in the life of the community.

CREDIT FOR FARMERS EXTEND ample credit to the farmers at once, stimulate and extend our export trade with the leading nations of the world, especially Russia, determine the amount of the German indemnity, revive the war finance corporation, cut down appropriations and reduce taxes.

This is the formula by which former Secretary McAdoo would better conditions in America. "The farm industry is basic," he says. And he adds:

It possesses a superior claim because its prosperity is not only the nation's best protection, but because the farmer by the very nature of his business, is more exposed to adverse influences and has less protection against losses than any other class. To have a chance to make a fair profit, he must have credit to carry his crop for a reasonable time. This is an accurate exposition of the farmer's situation. His is the basic industry. Prosperity on the farms means the nation's prosperity. Through all time the farmer has furnished the products that created most of the surplus that America sold to other nations in the form of exports. Our half dozen leading exports in 1919 were, in their order of value, raw cotton, meat products, iron and steel, wheat and breadstuffs, mineral oils, tobacco.

Our exports are the basis for our national trade balance and the protection of our gold supply. Exports are created by production, production makes employment, employment creates buying power, buying power makes consumption; and, in turn, consumption makes production. It is the eternal circle in which prosperity must rest and be diffused.

The farmer, more than any other group, is exposed, as Mr. McAdoo says, to adverse influences. He must deal individually with groups that to a large extent are in position to act collectively. The nature of his business has very improperly created a general psychology which has kept him out of the halls where public legislation is enacted. In consequence, as Mr. McAdoo says, he has "less protection against losses than any other class," through the adverse influences to which he is exposed.

As secretary of the treasury, Mr. McAdoo placed government money by the million in banks throughout the country to aid the movement of crops and in extending credit to farmers. His insistence now that the government find a way to afford credit to the agricultural districts is sound. The only reason that it has not been done is that the old American school of financiers is in the saddle in congress, and to a considerable extent in the treasury department. It is the school that forgets that the farm is the basic industry and that it is the farmer who has always been the big factor in creating American exports and trade balances.

Quite a lot of human nature crops out when people go into the hills seeking Christmas trees. The mileage recorded by the speedometer is accounted for by the fact that the trees peeping out from beyond the bend in the road are always just a bit better than those close at hand.

abandon his triumphal and profitable career as the world's greatest pianist and devote his private fortune, his life and his all to a restored and free Poland. His endeavors will not have been in vain if President Wilson's vision and ideal of an organized world finally comes to pass.

AN OUTRAGED HOME TWO Portland policemen, on a surmise that there might be liquor in it, entered a Portland home and searched it. They were without a search warrant. The law in such cases was clearly set forth in a recent decision by the federal court in Portland. There must be more than a surmise that intoxicants are secreted inside. Even then an officer has no right to enter except on the authority of a search warrant.

The home of a family is its castle. When it ceases so to be and can be entered at all times by officers because they are uniformed, and on any unfounded suspicions, this country becomes Russified. The municipality in effect becomes a tyranny and the people mere subjects.

When the housewife very properly refused admission at the door, the officers tapped on the window and displayed their policemen's stars, whereupon she allowed them to enter and make a search of the premises. Perhaps the reprimand to the men by the acting mayor and the publicity that has been given the case will provide against repetition. Meanwhile, with the airing of the federal decision in the newspapers but a few weeks old, how could policemen have failed to know that a search warrant was necessary? Do they not read the newspapers?

IT'S RAINING IN PORTLAND UNDER the heading above the Portland as a potential cotton mill center.

The reason raw cotton is shipped from the United States to Great Britain and then back again in the form of fine fabrics, says this publication, is that in the "tight little isle," the warm air of the gulf stream and the cold currents of the Arctic meet and the vapors resultantly furnish the atmospheric conditions most necessary for spinning. It continues: Now comes the state of Oregon with a rival claim to climatic advantages.

HIS SACRIFICES FORTUNE gone, his power to enrapture the public lost through stiffened hands, the possibility of returning to concert life as the greatest pianist of the age forfeited—such is the tragic price Paderewski has paid in his struggle for a free Poland.

IF THEY WERE HERE DURING the war when drives were held Oregon's quota for Liberty loan or Red Cross was stated in the terms of dollars.

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WILSON'S LAST MESSAGE

Editorial Reference to an Establishment Nothing so Much as the Human Tendency to Be of the Same Opinion Still—Opposition Generally Less Than Generous; Loyal Support Awaited the vindication of Their Leader.

Editorial opinion on the president's message to congress reflects, on the whole, approval "under the circumstances," which circumstances are, variously, ill-health, recent defeat of an unpopular peace candidate, and the fact that there are those who "damn with faint praise" or openly scorn, and there is radical difference of opinion as to whether the document proves a cowardly and statesmanlike or a worn-out, broken-spirited man, or demonstrates that he has all the old vigor of his earlier days.

Praising the recommendations, with the exception of those touching on the Armenian loan and the independence of the Philippines, which he has not adopted, the Boston Transcript (Ind. Rep.) calls the message "a valiantly that does him credit."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Argentina has withdrawn from the league. Boy, page Judge Landis. DeRocco. Building contractors should be asked if stone walls dot a prison make. Wall Street Journal.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE (Communications sent to The Journal for publication should not exceed 150 words in length, and should be signed by the writer, unless the writer has had some "WE EXCLAIM, 'HOW TERRIBLE!'" Solemn Rebuke to Those Who Forget the Sufferings of Children

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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town At the meeting held by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at the Hotel Portland Monday, the matter of the minimum wage scale was discussed. The present minimum wage in the industry is \$4.40 per day.

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The Oregon Country

Oregon NOTES It is reported that there are 27 applications for the Dallas post office at this time. Salem's tax levy for 1921 will aggregate \$225,000, or 12 1/2 cents on the dollar.

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KNOW YOUR PORTLAND

General purpose of the growth in steamship service to this port, appears graphically on the bulletin board in the office of the port. It is of the order of things that are being done at this time.

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