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MORE OF CHRISTIANITY

A thought we would emphasize at this season has been so well expressed by the editor of the Gresham Outlook that we can do no better than pass on his words:

There are more christians in the world today than ever before and more of christianity. Christ is better understood, more loved and his spirit and teachings more generally exemplified than in any day or age of the world's history.

It is well to think of this fact between Christmas 1926 and New Year's Day, 1927.

It is possible to take a narrow view, judge others by one's own warped standard and conclude that there never was so much atheism, materialism and anti-christian propaganda in the world as at present.

But such a view is based on prejudice not fact.

The editor has observed many Christmases and read and observed with an open mind. He is convinced he never passed through a Christmas season before in which the spirit of Him "who went about doing good" was so rife.

There never was more harmony among religious sects. There never was more universal reverence for God, for Christ, for sacred institutions. There never was more respect for religious institutions or more generous support of the agencies for relief which, whatever their name or auspices, are inspired and maintained by christian faith and teaching.

The sentiment of brotherhood was never more prominent than now. Religious teaching and work was never more acceptable and that anywhere in the world.

Civilization advances. God reigns and all is well with his world. Not all of the wrongs have been righted, of course, but there is more of knowledge, justice, truth, goodness, temperance, love and righteousness among men these closing days of 1926 than there were a generation, a century, a millenium ago.

WAS IT A GOOD YEAR?

That depends on who you ask. Men who have country-wide vision say it was a wonderful year for business. In spots it was not so good, true, but by and large it was abnormally good. The forecast by these same experts, is that at least the first half of 1927 will continue to be exceptionally good. Locally the situation may be said to be just beginning to get good. A poor season for prunes was the worst thing we can say for 1926. But there is much to be said in its favor.

As an indication of the prosperity in Estacada permit us to call attention to the house shortage. For the past 2 months it has been practically impossible to rent a house here without waiting for several weeks for a vacancy. This is true in the surrounding country as well. The mills have been running steadily. Farm production was high and for the better grades paid well. Business has been steadily increasing in volume. The outlook is bright for the coming year.

FARM REMINDERS

Clover failures in the Pacific northwest are shown by reports of the Oregon experiment station to be increasing rapidly. Among the reasons assigned for the failures are decreased soil fertility, use of poor seed, disease and insect injury, adverse climatic conditions, poor cultural practices and lack of inoculation.

Each year new crops gathered by explorers and investigators in many parts of the world, are sent to Oregon. The experiment station, seed companies and plant breeders are introducing and developing new crops and improved varieties. The Oregon farmer is thus able to "try out" many crops that may or may not be of value to him. Many of these crops are of little or no value.

Brownsville.—Woolen mills will greatly extend chain of 20 retail stores throughout northwest. Mills employ 100 people, and clothing factory 75.

TAXATION ABSORBS HALF THE NATIONAL SURPLUS

James A. Emery, general counsel of the National Association of Manufacturers, says that there is no greater popular delusion than the belief that tax relief is an accomplished fact. "We save in Washington and waste in the state capitals.

"Our tax situation cries for reform and demands permanent and enduring leadership, unless we are willing to permit the vast proportion of our hard-won surplus to be taken from private administration and expenditure, and to be spent by and for government.

"Government in all its forms is plainly consuming 12 per cent of our gross national income. Startling as that may be, it is not the whole truth for we are told that three-fourths of the national income is consumed, socially and individually, in the productive effort it is that surplus over and above what we socially and individually consume that provides the funds of progress. It is not the product of the farmer's fields which measure his prosperity. It is what he has over and above operation and living that permits him to improve his tools, enlarge his acreage, better his stock, and enlarge his family life and their opportunities. We move forward, individually and collectively, from the margins above consumption.

"It is important to reflect upon the stunning fact, not that govern-

ment is taking one-seventh or one-eighth of our income, but is absorbing one-half of our national surplus.

"The remedy is with the citizen. It calls for individual and collective action. We must awaken a tax-consciousness which makes each realize that the cost of government is a vitay part of his own cost of living, wherever its charge primarily falls.

One Death That Would Have Pleased Actor

There is one theater effect that never changes with the years, writes Fay Templeton, in the Pictorial Review. John Barrymore, muttering audible maledictions at the coughing accompaniment to his "Hamlet," in a metropolitan theater, is merely repeating the history of the humblest barn-stormer. A bronchial cough repeated several times during an impressive speech—a nicely planted sneeze during a sentimental ballad—and only a most patient Thespian can keep his self-control.

One night we were giving "Lucrezia Borgia" in Texarkana, Texas. Lucrezia's poison-party had reached its dramatic climax. As one by one, the friends of her son, Genaro, succumbed to the fatal drink, crying: "Genaro, avenge me!" a child's voice in the audience piped up: "Oh, papa, look, he's dead! Again! "Oh, papa, now they're all dead!" At this my father, who was playing Genaro, could stand it no longer. Posing up-stage in an attitude of great agony, he hissed through his teeth, "I wish to God you were!"

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Portland	2:00	6:20	Lv. Estacada	8:00		4:30	8:30
Clackamas	2:30	6:50	Eagle Creek	8:15		4:45	8:45
Carver	2:40	7:00	Barton	8:25		4:55	8:55
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Eagle Creek	3:15	7:35	Clackamas	8:55		5:25	9:25
Ar. Estacada	3:30	7:50	Ar. Portland	9:30		6:00	10:00

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