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CHRISTMAS

Here it is Christmas, or, if not the exact day, at least the season dedicated to the Prince of Peace. Christmas comes each year whether we are ready for it or not, and we do not mean readiness as to the shopping job of buying presents.

Perhaps our commercial instincts have led us somewhat awry until we sometimes overlook the fact that Christmas is historically a season for observing the tenets of Him who taught brotherly love and loving one's neighbor as oneself. Maybe the giving of presents and the sending of cards is the modern style of that; we're not in an argumentative mood.

For the past six years Christmas has found the world fighting bloodily in wars. For four years nearly the entire world has been so engaged. This year we are theoretically at peace although wars still persist in China, Java, Iran, and the Balkans.

These newer wars, we are led to believe, are efforts on the part of a heretofore suppressed people to achieve the rights of free men for themselves and their posterity. We hope they are that kind of wars. For the urge that makes men desire to be free, to be able to think and express his own thoughts at will, is an urge that is closely akin to the Christian doctrine, the doctrine that is observed this week.

Christianity makes man responsible for his acts. Upon him devolves the duty of deciding his own course, for right or for wrong. Christianity recognizes man as a free agent in this choice. Our form of government—as designed by the forefathers—follows the same pattern. Men must be free to make their choice and be responsible for the results of that choice after it is made.

The philosophy of Christianity is sound as it recognizes the ambitions of mankind. The Christ-

mas religion serves to show how far we have gotten from that ideal with dictatorship, political, religious, economic fighting one another all over the world. It would be a more peaceful and more Christian Christmas if everyone could follow his own path, as long as it did no harm to others.

LET'S BE AMERICAN

Officials of the OPA, solicitous, no doubt, for their jobs, are saying that price controls must be retained or the people, now flush with war time profits, will be over charged.

We are being told that we must fear the exercise of supply and demand, and that competition won't work nowadays. Alternative is that we have continued government control, such has been so abysmal a failure in Europe. The highest standard of living the world knows or has known comes from the exercise of the law of supply and demand and free competition. Why should the United States adopt a scheme that has failed to work anywhere else.

The OPA, as usual, is nuts. Suppose, for example, that some government bureau put a ceiling on wheat of fifty cents per bushel. There would be less wheat produced. There would probably be a black market. Rationing would be necessary and the OPAers could keep their cushy jobs. Other grains would take the place of wheat.

We had rationing of meat and under it the number of cattle on the farms expanded to the highest in history. Farmers kept them off the market unless they were able to get the very highest price. There was rationing of lambs and the farmers had to keep them until they grew into mutton.

Chilling prices have been put on standard items of clothing and manufacturers make something else, because costs are up and they can't make a profit at the ceiling price. You can't buy an ordinary white shirt for a man. You have to take something that is new since rationing was inaugurated. The price is high, the quality is low. No one is helped but the bureaucrat who has the job holding white shirts off the market and off the back of dizzily dressed American males.

If the government would go to its job of governing (which certainly needs attention) and let the American system of producing, manufacturing, distributing, selling, work again we would be able to get some goods on the shelves. Maybe the price would be higher, for the government has already raised the price of labor. But we would have the goods. And we would be able to get standard goods instead of the makeshifts we now have to take at high prices anyway.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Dec. 22, 1916

Chris Schultz left Sunday for Stockton, California to enter the Holt establishment to learn the operation and care of tractors.

Contractor C. G. Hedges reports the new school building at Kent completed and ready for dedication with a Christmas party Saturday night.

J. P. Aplin, owner of the flour mill says that he will overhaul the machinery after the first of the year and start a 40 barrel mill.

W. D. Wallan attended the state meeting of county treasurers in Portland last week.

From the Observer, Dec. 24, 1925

An entertainment given by the Woman's club for the Moro orchestra was held at the school house Monday evening. The orchestra, led by Mrs. G. C. Akers, played many numbers and the audience sang some of them with Mrs. R. A. Feenstra as leader.

December 29 a meeting will be

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Rose Amidon, W. M.
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held to choose sides for the annual sparrow hunt. Birds, it is understood, are to be counted January 15.

Sherar's Grange has elected Roy Tiller master, Earl Shipley, overseer, Mrs. Karl Eaton, lecturer.

Norman Davis returned from Silverton Saturday after having been gone three weeks with horse buyers caring for stock to be sold and traded in the valley.

Washington Column

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benefit of veterans, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce has introduced a bill which would give ex-service men unconditional priority on building materials for homes or farms. Also, it would increase to \$5,000 the sum which the government would guarantee private lending agencies in loans to veterans, this to compensate for the higher cost of building at this time. It has been found that the \$2,000 guaranty is insufficient to be of real benefit in obtaining loans from private sources. Question has been raised as to the advisability of increasing the guaranty since it would, very largely, represent inflated values and might later prove costly to the borrower if it was intended to help. Strikes and other causes have delayed home building far beyond what was anticipated when the GI bill

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Morning Worship 11 A. M.
Young Peoples Meeting 7:00 P. M.
Evening Services 8:00 P. M.
Howard A. Schilling, pastor

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10 A. M.
Classes for all ages.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Christmas Sermon, Special Christmas music by the choir

The Children's program will be presented at 7:45 p.m. Preachings service at the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Rev. Moberg will deliver the sermon.
F. L. Cannell, Pastor

Moro Community Church
James D. Moberg, pastor

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of Ethelyn May, deceased, and that Wednesday the 9th day of January, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Paul May
Administrator
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Bible School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Special music by choir. Solo by Velma McKean and Tom Fraser.
Christmas Program at 7:30 p. m.

Christian Science Society
Sunday morning services at 11 a. m. Subject "Is the Universe Including Man Evolved by Atomic Force"



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