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WINTER

Nature some times surprises us with sudden changes in the weather. November snow storms are in the memory of every native Sherman countian who can recall the deep snow of 1919 and the hard freeze of 1935 with enough accuracy to dislike the memory.

The sudden change that ruined the entire crops of the county in 1924 will not be forgotten by the generation that had to borrow money from the state to get seed wheat for the 1925 crop and those who were farming in March of 1906 will not forget the storm that wiped out the crop that year.

Although we know such things may happen we do not like them and this spell of severe cold, coming as it did right after some of the balmyest November weather in years made the extreme particularly notable.

But optimism is an incurable trait. Already folks are saying that maybe just maybe this will be the worst storm of the winter, that perhaps we will have banana weather through December and January until ground hog day. Maybe we will, but coming this early may indicate the advent of a real winter such as we have not had for years.

FARM TROUBLES

We have been talking to a lot of farmers, fruit growers, nut growers, stockmen and while they're not doing so badly, they are all having troubles.

Prices are going down. But prices on the market are going down much less than prices on the farm. Packaging, shipping, marketing, costs more. A farmer get 1.6 cents for potatoes that sell for eight and ten, he gets two cents for prunes that sell for 40, he gets three cents for a pound of wheat that sells for 17.

The customer has been trained to like easy shopping and purchase of food in small packages, wrapped attractively in cello-

phane, labeled flashily. Much of what the housewife pays for is package. Farmers don't think this is going to change. The time is gone when a householder stows a half dozen sacks of potatoes away in the cellar for the winter, or takes home a 40 pound box of dried prunes and a sack of dry beans.

The housewife may complain about the high cost of food when it is the package that costs so much. The farmer complains about his poor price. His price is variable, subject to rise and fall. The price of packaging, selling, shipping is constant—and constantly rising as labor costs increase.

Neither are farmers angry that labor gets good wages for without that they would buy less food. What they would like is a better price for the raw product without which none of those providing the services could exist. Another cent on the wheat in a loaf of bread, or on a pound of potatoes or prunes wouldn't cost the consumer much percentage-wise and would put the farmer in a far better position to buy the products of industry.

Neither, we think, does the farmer want to live by means of a direct subsidy from the government. The acceptance of that

sort of thing would mean that forever, he would be a serf, with out hope of economic independence.

If farmers would stay together in an organization they could control their prices and they may have to do that eventually; if they could manage somehow to control their own product clear to the consumer they could do all right but that involves many other skills than farming.

Neither are we impressed with the argument, recently made, that farmers are these days so small a part of the entire national economy that their welfare will affect the whole but slightly. We know that when we see old automobiles on the streets of Moro we shall soon see them on the streets of The Dalles and Portland.

It is entirely possible that the eventual solution of the farm problem will come from a study of farming in all its aspects rather than from a rereading of the books on economics. Certainly it isn't a matter that will be solved by politics for political answers are all of the flashy, temporary kind suited to the next election. The farm problem is too deep for that.

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Everyone always has something to be happy about just as they always have something to be sad about. No one lives long under conditions that are perfect, nor utterly miserable.

Thanksgiving is a day set aside for us to remember the things that make us happy or that did make us huppy during the past year. The history of it is well known; how it was first celebrated for a satisfactory harvest by the Pilgrims. Nowadays we are not made happy over a mere adequate supply of food. If it were so this nation would be the most cheerful in the history of the world.

With sufficient food we began to worry about other things and found plenty about which we could worry. Of worry there is always a surplus.

Thanksgiving is a day for remembering the good things of life. Sometimes it seems that one day is hardly enough and that there should be such a day once in every week. We might even make it more impressive by having it follow a day in which we deliberately recalled all the bad things that happened to us.

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There has recently been more interest in the Pelton dam decision than was made last summer by the supreme court. That decision was that the federal government had authority over streams entirely within states.

First intimation that such a ruling might be made came about 15 years ago when the court ruled that any stream that would float a shingle was a navigable stream and presumably under control of the federal government. The Pelton dam decision naturally followed.

The Oregon case, which permitted the Portland General Electric to build the Pelton dam, means that states have no rights to determine the use of streams for power. It also presumably gives the federal government authority over streams for navigation or other water use.

Local government cannot sur-

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Eunice L. Fuller
Administratrix

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Moro, Oregon 2-5c

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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Now Monk's taken Tog Morgan's old sedan and completely restored one half of it. One side is as good as new, the other looks like—well, Tog's old car. "Sort of a before-and-after demonstra-

tion," Monk told me, "shows folks the kind of work I do."

From where I sit, some of Monk's ideas may look a little wild sometimes... but I wouldn't want to tell him how to run his business any more than I'd like him to tell me what beverage to enjoy. He always keeps a hot pot of tea in his garage—I'd rather have a cold glass of beer—but respect for each other's opinion is "auto"-matic with us both.

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