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CHRISTMAS

This season of the year has been a time of celebration since man first figured out the seasons and discovered that days began getting longer along about now. It was important to ancestors living in caves and finding a living after game animals had moved south.

Early Christians, searching for something popular to attach their holidays to utilized this pagan holiday and transferred it into a religious time, decorated with pagantry possible to an imaginative and prosperous people.

Certainly the Christians have improved it. Instead of a time of joy over the promise of longer days, warmer weather and better hunting, all of which were very laudable, it is a time of spiritual revival and dedication to an ideal of brotherly love. Like their ancestors Christians are hoping for better times but not so entirely in a physical sense. The observance has therefore matured.

THE CABINET

The new cabinet has been picked and there is nothing remarkable about it. Political considerations guided most of the choices which is usual.

Dean Ruck must have been picked as a sort of coordinator and to spread choices of his subordinates so more Kennedy supporters could get into the state department. Adlai has a fine choice of words and is a sort of political comedian; Bowles has some experience and knows some thing of business, Soapy Williams was a friend of the negro when their votes were useful and he has no regard for money, his own which is plentiful or others which is short.

Best choices are in the field of finance which includes Douglas Dillon for treasury, McNamara for defense and Hodges for commerce. All are business men or bankers.

Goldberg for labor may be a good choice even though he is held in skepticism by both sides. Day for the postoffice head is a lawyer who cannot be expected to institute the beneficial changes in that job that his predecessor did.

Ribicoff wants to be on the supreme court but has the give-away job temporarily. He will administer health, education and welfare generously and politically as expected. Freeman is a political choice for agriculture and comes from a state where a different kind of agriculture than ours is practiced. He expressed a silly reference to "family farms" not indicative of much thought or knowledge. Udall should be alright.

Worst appointment was of brother Bobbie, not so much because he is the president's bro-

ther but because his conduct of the senate labor rackets committee hearings was inept and ineffectual. His report read like the excuses of a boy sent to mill. Jimmy Hoffa said he was an advocate of a police state and Jimmy ought to know.

WHEAT PROGRAMS

Oregon Wheat Leaguers and the national are hopeful that they may get their cherished two-price plan through congress and duly signed into law this session of congress. It has been changed materially since McNary and Haugen first introduced it at the request of northwest grain men back in the twenties and it has some better features.

It would gradually tend to reduce the surplus and it would reduce the acreage in wheat very drastically it seems by putting bushels instead of acres as the measuring stick for production. It would permit payment of the parity price for wheat eaten domestically and it would cause production of enough feed grain to scare the mid-western corn growers.

Some of these things are good. The idea will be opposed in congress by that idea generally supported by the Farm Bureau. That organization would gradually get government out of the wheat business by reducing parity prices until wheat stood on its own feet and a farmer would grow it at his own risk—or profit.

The way the two-price plan is now proposed it would continue the rather strict controls the government has on wheat men; the farm bureau plan would gradually release them.

The new administration is expected to favor more government instead of less but the farm bureau controls a lot of votes in the nation's big farm country. The battle will be worth watching.

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REORGANIZATION

Governor Hatfield has unfolded his plan for state reorganization of administrative bodies, that is, it is partly unfolded. We cannot say whether we will like the program but we are sure we like the idea, for the legislature has been building bureaus and boards until the house is overflowing with them.

Neither is there reason for the legislature to sniff at the gubernatorial proposals; legislators have been studying the same thing for fifteen years and those who studied most are most convinced that change would be beneficial.

We do not think that it is a matter to be decided in one session of a legislature busy as it will be with dozens of problems needing immediate attention.

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David R. Richelderfer
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for administrator
Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1960

Several plans for different state organization have been proposed and any final plan should be the work of a committee with enough time to do a good job. A piece meal job might lack co-ordination and make things worse than they are.

GROWING AWAY

The youngsters are home for Christmas, looking a little more mature and generally heavier for they are at the age to put more meat on their bones. They are serious when not in groups and apparently rather determined. All of this impresses us.

Within a few years they will come more seldom and soon not at all until they will suddenly appear during their summer holiday to talk about what happened to the old town in which they grew up and introduce a flock of children to the old timers who remember their parents in a similar position.

Not enough of these youngsters

are staying with us to help out with the development of the county which is coming on at such a rapid pace. Some day a class or two of them will leave and before they get back the place will have changed so they will not recognize it at all, nor even the old timers pulling their long beards in their easy chairs.

With a world of electricity, two sources of gas, every kind of transportation, level land, ample water and nearness of ocean shipping this county will change unless there is a hard and fast will on the part of residents to prevent it.

Growing away from this county may lose more opportunity than found.

Farm Value Going Down Again

Farmland values in Oregon dipped the middle of 1960, reversing the steady upward trend of the last seven years, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricul-

tural economist at OSC.

At midyear, the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) placed the index in Oregon's farmlands, with improvements, at 154 percent of the 1947-49 average, Mrs. Horrell said. While this was 3 percent below the high reached last March, it is still a fraction of a percent above that of a year earlier.

Over the nation, the average of all farmland values also edged downward, but the drop totaled

less than one percent. This average still stands a shade above that of July 1959, Mrs. Morrell noted.

The ARS attributes the general leveling of farmland values to a readjustment in the unusual relationship between farmland market values and farm income, Mrs. Horrell said. Land values have zoomed up a third since 1954, she pointed out, while farm income has changed little.

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