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## THE CHRISTMAS OUTLOOK.

The Outlook wishes to have every locality in eastern Multnomah and northern Clackamas represented in the Christmas issue of next Tuesday, December 19. Write or phone us your items. Historical articles solicited. They should reach us on Monday. Our advertisers are urged to give us their copy as early as possible for the indications are the Christmas number will be crowded.

### FARMERS AND FOOD.

The national grange committee, appointed last month to answer the charge that the high cost of food-stuffs was mainly attributed to the farmers, and that the latter were getting rich at the expense of the consumer, has produced a rebuttal that admits of no contradiction.

The committee insists that the farmer competes with the cheapest paid labor on earth. When he sells some of his products, as he did only a few years ago, at less than cost, he gets no redress—no reduction in taxes, nor in the price of anything he buys. If embargoes are to be invoked to help the situation, the committee contends, it should be on "manufactured goods, particularly munitions of war. This would give the farmer more laborers and reduce the prices of what he buys."

Did anyone ever hear of a farmer on the strength of his announced purpose to establish a large and productive farm, being granted exemption from taxation for a term of years? Would not such a request, from a farmer, be regarded by the tax authorities as the height of audacity? Yet it is no uncommon thing—for manufacturing concerns to receive tax exemption for a specified number of years, while they are getting "on their feet," as it were.

The committee expresses the belief that in some instances production has been restricted by trusts and monopolies; and it cites the meat situation, in which the killing and selling of native meat is out of the question, because of the unfair competition of the great packing interests. Gambling in food products is set forth by the committee as one of the causes of high prices, and the committee submits that this should be prohibited.

As for the farmer, it is boldly stated that, with the high prices now prevailing, many farmers are getting no returns whatever for their labor. Increased production means increased cost, and the farmer will increase the yields only as he can get a fair compensation for increased production.

It would be silly to expect him to increase the production at his own expense, without reasonable assurance of getting his money back, and a decent rate of interest with it. In this respect he occupies an altogether

logical and tenable position. No manufacturing corporation in the land would be expected to increase its production without some promise of realizing on the venture. Why should the farmer be expected to do so?

And in order that the farmer may have reasonable assurance of compensation to warrant him in expanding his agricultural operations and increasing his production of food-stuffs, the system of distribution must be radically changed. It is freely to be admitted that the consumer pays more than he should pay for food, but it is not the farmer who gets the rake-off, for he is pinched as hard at his end of the route as the consumer is at his.

### THE YELLOW PERIL.

Some curious lines of conjecture are suggested by the recent news that France and Russia are importing thousands of Chinese workmen, to be employed in munition factories and arsenals, taking the places of men who will thus be relieved for military duty. These conjectures remind us somewhat of our own "yellow peril" of a few years ago.

The drain on the human resources of all the belligerents is frankly admitted; the present usefulness of such additions to the labor supply of the nations at war is evident; but there remains the doubt of what may be the after-effects.

It is a problem big in possibilities. Experience of various countries, this one included, in widely separated parts of the world, has shown that it is one thing to invite the Asiatic laborer in, and quite another thing to induce him to get out, when his services are no longer in demand. The industrial armies being acquired by Russia and France of the Chinese government, are said to be recruited by permission, and to be under contract for a definite term.

In these conditions it is possible that they may be shipped back, en masse, as they are shipped in, by governmental authority. But this would scarcely be done, if many of the Asiatics should pass from government to private employ. It is easily conceivable that on the conclusion of peace, with a decreased demand for munitions and a call for labor in restored industries, many of the contract laborers might be transferred to private employ, and while such transfers would, doubtless, be attended by elaborate official arrangements for the subsequent returns of the men to their own country, the way of the world is not to make the honoring of such arrangements inevitable. From the employers' point of view Oriental labor has its advantages; the thrifty Chinaman has no liking to be separated from a good job. It is easy to see the complications which might arise.

Tales of Paris or Petrograd white labor in revolt against the competition of Chinese cheap labor are not likely to be read, so long as the war lasts, but a few years can make a vast difference. We have known enough of this variety of "yellow peril" in this country, on this coast, not to regard such possibilities overlightly.

Washington officials are represented as watching the experiment closely, but from another angle. The imported workmen will be made acquainted with modern factories and modern machinery and methods. If they go back to their own land they may become effective industrial drill sergeants to the millions whose products, sooner or later, will come into competition with the output of shops and mills of America and Europe.

The western world may no longer be finding the open door to China, but China seems to be finding the portals of Europe hospitably wide swung—and with all traveling expenses paid.

From the standpoint of new industrial development the west needs two things from congress, workable waterpower legislation such as is proposed under either the Shields bill or the Ferris bill as amended in the senate and relief for innocent oil operators on withdrawn lands.

## Announcement

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## J. A. FRAKES

GRESHAM, OREGON

Federal control of interstate business of railroads would seem to be the most practical idea instead of haphazard control by 48 different state commissions. The only argument against it seems to be that the railroad managers have fought the proposition, thus offering the politicians a chance to force it on them which would have given merit to the movement. It's a funny world.

That the state still is a sovereign power over municipalities and that the Public Service Commission of Oregon may regulate rates in municipalities by the exercise of the police power regardless of contractual agreement between a municipality and a public service corporation, is the holding in a recent opinion of the supreme court.

The inquisitive subscriber at Rockwood wants to know our plan to get Villa. We would donate the services of a chauffeur from Portland if it were intended to kill him, but our impression is that he is wanted alive. Therefore we will have to defer the rest of the answer until we have more time to scratch our head.

The complete returns are not in, may remain for the waiters themselves but it's a good guess that the auto sales in eastern Multnomah during the present year exceeded the building record by about \$9,999. Those who want to know what's the matter with Hannah may draw their own conclusions.

Saturday next is the shortest day of this year, according to the almanac—9 hours and 8 minutes. But there are eight more days of exactly the same length. On Christmas day the period between sunrise and sunset will be one minute longer—the beginning of the longer days.

San Benito, Cal., claims to have the biggest nut-bearing tree in the world—an oak. Perhaps some of the family trees down there were not taken into the count as nut-bearers. The recent election revealed their existence.

A New York dispatch says: "It may remain for the waiters themselves to oust the tipping system. Certain, and it may remain for the oil companies to oust the gasoline system."

A high school orator says: "This is the serious season of the year." Not quite so, kid. Congress is in session and the legislatures will meet next month in many states, including Oregon.

The first calendars for 1917 are finding their way around. They are very beautiful and a household necessity, but the heartrending fact appears that 1917 will not be a year of 53 pay days.

We are the keenest judges of poultry in the northwest. It is for that reason, probably, that our presence at the poultry exhibit last week was not encouraged.

The dairy industry does not need more laws and official regulation so much as more cow-milkers and an abundance of competent farm labor.

If Battery A boys aren't mustered out in time to get home for Christmas, it's about up to the state of Oregon to take Christmas to them.

Pickpockets and burglars are coming to the cities for the winter season. But why? It is asserted that the farmers have all the money.

There must be a trace of mercy in the devil's make up. When he had job on his hands to torture he didn't go any further than boils.

The grand champion bull at the fat stock show sold for \$21,500, and at last reports he had a corner on beef at that price.

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GUY H. ROBERTSON,  
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