THE WINTER OUTLOOK

On this day, the beginning of the Christmas season, it is the usual practice to point out several factors which should make for a good winter for our people in this country. The papers have been filled in recent days with announcements of the employment prospects for such a season. At least 650,000, with prospects that the number will be increased, it seems certain that the greatest value is social. Hundreds of men who have been obliged to live on a minimal income at this time of year will be able to afford more food and clothing. The only way in which the workingmen and their families can maintain a standard of living is by the increasing number of closed factories. It is quite likely that there will be another winter with even a smaller number of unemployed. This will mean, on the farm, that a smaller amount of rent will be paid on the land. It will be found that the bulk of farm mortgages are held by farmers who have paid off their own debt, or for other reasons. It is now money coming in the city, and easily used for whatever purposes its recipients may have. The prosperity of the country has been a home of less refinements, though the change is rapidly coming. In all the eastern states, the farmers will probably extend the employment of the agricultural laborers beyond the middle of February, there will surely be considerably more farm and home refinements.

FOOTNOTE TO TO THE POSTAL HOURS

As reported in the weekly press, the postal hours have been extended, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, in the city of Stevens Point. By order of the Postmaster-General, this measure has been taken to meet the increased demand for postal services in connection with the busy holiday season. The public is requested to take advantage of this extended service and to assist in making the holiday season a memorable one for all.

Two Have Perfect Attire

Two men were among the group at the Stevens Point winter market on Saturday, December 21, 1913, and were perfectly attired for the occasion. They were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hamilton, who were among the early arrivals at the market, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson, who were among the late arrivals. Both couples were well-dressed, andMr. and Mrs. Hamilton were seen to be carrying a basket filled with vegetables, while Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were seen to be carrying a basket filled with fruit. They were both wearing the latest in fashion, and were seen to be enjoying the free and easy spirit of the occasion.