Mistletoe

Why may a kiss be taken and not refused under the mistletoe bough?

Because many years ago—so says an old Norse legend—Balder, the son of Freya, Goddess of Love, was killed by a mistletoe arrow shot by Loki, the God of Mischief. Balder was brought back again from the land of the dead. But Freya ever afterward guarded the mistletoe, so that no more evil arrows could be made from it.

The mistletoe became an emblem of love and those who pass under it must give each other a kiss, for that kiss breaks the spell of the mischief maker. And a mischief maker has no place at the festival of Christmas gift giving.

HILLS DEPT STORE

A Good Place to Trade

Guards Their Souls

—Rev. William G. Jones, in charge of the Marine Department of the New York Bible Society [illegible] will have completed on Dec. 3 —Bible Distribution 36 years of service distributing bibles to seamen New York harbor. Bibles are supplied in different languages.

DEMAND FOR LUMBER LESS

The principal lumber distributing and manufacturing centers report a decided increase in demand during the last ten days, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. There has arisen a heavy call for southern pine in practically all sections of consuming territory, dealers having judged the time ripe for replenishing their stocks in preparation for the good winter and booming spring demand that they expect. The revival of trade has been especially marked in the East, according to most reports, but the middle West and Southwest also are steadily increasing their takings. This demand is not entirely for small lots for immediate shipment, as it has been for several months, as the percentage of orders for straight cars for delivery after the first of the year has increased considerably. However, there is still much stock wanted at once, on account of the excellently sustained retail trade and the badly depleted yard stocks and transit cars are consequently in big demand. There are few of these now offered, and good mixtures bring higher prices. The general price level is in fact a few notches higher than a month ago, and further advances are sure to come as demand develops. Long joists, short dimension, timbers and No. 2 common lumber are among the strongest items.

In connection with building operations, lumbermen believe that the construction program next year will be fully as large as during 1923, and larger if Congress eases the tax burden so as to encourage investment in real estate and building bonds, instead of in tax-exempt securities as heretofore.

Domestic demand for Douglas fir remains restricted, tho with definite signs of an upward tendency. Cargo business remains the feature, Japan and other foreign markets buying especially heavily. Prospects for industrial demand are bright especially in connection with railroad and car material. Mill stocks are low and ill assorted; manufacturers continue to devote their attention mostly to water shipments, and come into the rail market only when they have accumulated a surplus of some side item. The price position remains firm. A considerable increase in demand for western pines is reflected by latest statistical reports from the Inland Empire. While buying of yard stock is still slow, there is a greater call for shop lumber and lower grades.

The hardwood market remains unusually active for the late season, and is strong because of the scarcity of dry stocks. Automobile interests are still the largest factors in the trade, and are likely to remain so at least during the first half of the coming year. A good deal of buying by furniture manufacturers is expected soon after the January shows. This industry has long been very cautious in purchasing, and has depleted its stocks to a point where they must be extensively replenished as soon as next year's styles have been determined upon.

"C. A. SMITH" IS WRECKED AT COOS BAY

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struck on the submerged rocks off the north jetty at the entrance to Coos bay harbor Sunday morning and will be a total loss.

Eight or ten of the crew were lost when a lifeboat was capsized as it was being lowered into the water.

Seven of the crew of 24 were taken off the vessel by Captain Jensen of the coast guard who reached the stranded craft in a lifeboat. Others of the crew refused to leave the vessel because of the high seas breaking and Sunday night still were aboard the craft.

Smith, included nine of the crew of the C. N. Prescott, deckhand of the tug Oregon, washed overboard yesterday while engaged in rescue work.

Members of the crew missing are H. Bodahl, third mate; A. Leland, wireless operator; T. Chalmers, chief engineer; H. Efford, first assistant seaman; H. Anderson, oiler; A. Granfelt, oiler.

The seven rescued this morning were Captain T. B. Lonburg, First Mate M. A. Sundell, Second Mate Ekland; Third Assistant Engineer H. Fleming, Seaman H. H. Jerline, O. Nikolason, and E. Roberts.

The seven rescued yesterday by the coast guard were Fred Bauhell, seaman; H. Fridge and E. Calvey, firemen; W. A. Shields, cook; John Bertha, cabin boy; K. Kircheoff, mess boy, and Albert Klaus, galley man.

MARSHFIELD, Ore. (AP)—The steamer C. A. Smith, loaded with 1,500,000 feet of lumber,

Disaster Seen From Shore.

The disaster to the men who were in the boat which capsized could be seen by the watchers from the shore, but because of the rough seas nothing could be done to effect a rescue. The steamer's lifeboat capsized as it was being lowered over the side of the C. A. Smith and the men were hurled into the tossing seas at the vessel's side.

A second attempt by the coast guard crew to reach the wrecked steamer which lay half buried in the huge combers which swept over it constantly was ineffectual. Early Sunday afternoon an attempt was made to shoot a line aboard the wrecked vessel from the steamer Cheone, but the line fell short. As night fell, watchers on the shore virtually abandoned hope of saving the men aboard the Smith, as it was believed that the vessel could not last long with the great sea pounding her.

From shore it appeared that the vessel had broken amidships. Captain T. Bloomberg was among those still aboard. He refused to leave the vessel when given a chance.

Mate of Tug Drowns.

C. N. Prescott, 27, first mate on the tug Oregon, lost his life. The tug had gone out to give assistance. Prescott was swept overboard and picked up by the coast guard boat and then swept out of the lifeboat and drowned. Several of the coast guard and tug crew were injured.

The following are the names of the seven men who were rescued: H. Bodahl, third mate; H. Fridge, fireman; E. Cavey, fireman; W. A. Shields, cook; John Bertha, cabin boy; K. Kirchoff, mess boy; H. Clamp, galley man.

The following are the other members of the crew of the Smith who were either lost or still aboard Sunday night:

T. Bloomberg, captain; M. A. Sundell, first mate; C. Ekland, second mate; A. Leland, wireless operator; T. Chalmers, chief engineer; E. F. Ford, first assistant; N. Orange, second assistant; H. Fleming, oiler; H. McFarland, oiler; A. Granfelt, oiler; A. Bajahn, seaman; Fred Bunbel, seaman; O. Nickolson, seaman; H. Hurline, seaman; C. Sampson, seaman; K. Imbert, seaman.

Officials to Stop Wholesale Tearing Up of London Streets

LONDON, (AP) — British officials are worked up over the frequent tearing up of the streets of London and an effort is to be made to put a stop or at least regulate the practice. Frank Pick, assistant managing director of underground railways, recently declared that 65 different bodies have the statutory right to dig up London streets whenever they feel so disposed.

HORSE FACING EXTINCTION IN CENTURY'S TIME

BERKELEY, Cal., (AP)—Statistics recently circulated stated that horses, in large measure freed, because of motor power, from the labors that made them beasts of burden, were increasing rather than diminishing in number. But now comes Professor E. L. Furlong, curator of the vertebrate collection at the University of California, with the prediction that the horse will be virtually extinct on the American continent in another century.

Professor Furlong is so confident of his supposition that he has started for posterity a collection of all modern specimens of the equine family. His collection will rest in the museum of paleontology, along with the bones of the three-toed horse and other prehistoric kin.

Recalling the dominating position of motor conveyances in the cities, Professor Furlong adds: "Daily the tractor and the automobile are taking the place of the horse in rural life. As the usefulness of the horse passes, so will the necessity for his existence. Before many years the use of a horse for the purposes with which he has been identified since time immemorial will be a curiosity. In another hundred years you may find horses in zoos. I am sure you will not find them anywhere else."

FINED $100 FOR HAVING LIQUOR

George Slack, of Summerville, who was arrested Friday evening charged with possession of liquor pleaded guilty late Saturday to the charge and was fined $100.

Paper Marks Used for Confetti.

GENEVA, (AP)—A young couple married at Beinwil, in the Canton of Argrovie, had money showered upon them if not riches, for their friends found it cheaper to throw Germany bank notes over them instead of the usual confetti.

The village children after the departure of the motor car picked up the notes and went home "millionaires." German mark notes have in many Swiss cafes replaced wall-paper.

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2 Cows 4 Years Old, will Be Fresh Soon
1 Cow 7 Years Old, Fresh Now
1 Cow 8 Years Old, Fresh in January
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2 1-Year-Old Heifers
1 1-Year-Old Jersey Bull
1 Jersey Heifer Calves

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5 Sets Lead Harness—Good
2 Sets Light Harness—Nearly new
16 Good Horse Collars, 19 to 21 Inches
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1 Gas Engine Working Machine—Complete
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1 Cider Press
3 3¼ Low Wheeled Wagons—Good
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