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THE HOLLY.

The boughs are all bare save the holly bough there;
Cry hey, cry ho, for the holly!
How its leaves show their sheen in the Christmastide air,
As green as the spring and as fresh and as fair!
Cry hey, cry ho, for the holly!
Oh, the berries are bright as the morn's vermell light,
Cry hey, and cry ho, for the holly!
A boon in the noon do they seem to the sight,
Like the gleam of a dream at the droop of the night!
Cry hey, and cry ho, for the holly!
Let us deem them a sign of a dawning divine—
Cry hey, and cry ho, for the holly!
As the branches we hang, as the branches we twine—
Of His love for mankind that has ceased not to shine!
Cry hey, and cry ho, for the holly!

—Clinton Scollard.

BUILD THE M'KAY PROJECT.

In striving to irrigate their lands through use of the flood waters of McKay creek the farmers of that section are showing enterprise and it is gratifying to know they are staying with their scheme even though they have met with obstacles.

It should be possible to use the waters of McKay creek for irrigation purposes. Adjacent to that stream is land that may be greatly improved through the use of water. The flow of the stream is such that the water may be placed upon the land. As to how this should be done is an engineering problem and the farmers have had a capable engineer in the person of J. T. Whistler to advise them.

But if the McKay project cannot be carried out one way it may be another. If it cannot be carried out upon a large scale it may be accomplished upon a smaller scale. If a reservoir cannot be constructed so as to provide perennial irrigation at least the flood waters can be utilized for winter irrigation. Experience in other portions of eastern Oregon show that winter irrigation may be carried on with good results. Winter irrigation means annual crops instead of biennial crops. It means diversified farming instead of wheatraising. Put the proper amount of moisture into the soil during the winter and spring and then conserve it by tillage and good yields may always be obtained.

If the McKay creek people cannot afford a reservoir at the start they might try winter irrigation for a few years. If they do it is the belief of this paper that their land will soon become so productive and so valuable that they will be able to build a reservoir and obtain perennial irrigation if they wish to do so.

Here's to the McKay creek farmers and their project. Stay with the job gentlemen and you will win out. Nothing that's good is easy.

THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

The charges made against the Diaz government by such revolutionists as Az Cona are probably entirely true. There can be no doubt but that while Mexico has been a republic in name it has been a despotism in fact. Mexicans have elected a president at regular intervals or at least they went through the form of doing so. But the Mexican elections have not been like elections in this country. It is charged that the Diaz people have always taken steps to prevent formidable opposition. Whenever a dangerous rival to Diaz has appeared he has been shot on some trumped up charge thrown into jail or forced to leave the country. Under such conditions it is not surprising that Diaz has been re-elected time after time.

So it would appear that the revolutionists have ample grounds for trying to overthrow the government. The question arises though as to what

would happen should Diaz be ousted and another elevated to the presidency. Would he not do much the same as Diaz has done? Would he not also form a combination with capitalists that want valuable privileges just as Diaz has done? It is very likely he would. South American and Central American patriots are usually very virtuous while they are out of office. When placed in power they usually make the most of their opportunities to build up their power and to enrich themselves. By becoming rich they become more powerful.

Mexico cannot well have a truly republican government and a good one until the mass of people become more enlightened. Mexico's government, like other governments, must be what the people make it. It may be though that Mexican intelligence is improving and that it is now time for an improvement in the government.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Throughout the northwest at this time a slight money stringency is noticeable. It is generally attributed to the unwillingness of farmers to dispose of their products for the prices offered. This is evidently the case for it is a fact that there is much wheat still in the hands of the growers.

In his last weekly financial review Henry Clews speaks of this situation in the west but says it means nothing serious. In the east money now appears to be easier. As pointed out by Mr. Clews this is due to the contraction of credit, retrenchments in expenditures, dullness of trade and lessened speculative activity. Because of these things the supply of loanable funds is steadily increasing and there may soon be a glut of idle money. This is the usual condition following a period of extreme activity. It is also one of the best cures for business depression. Money does not like to remain idle. In the financial world as elsewhere the tendency is for nature to cure improper conditions and this it usually does when nature is allowed to take its course.

At Rexburg, Idaho, a school building caught fire while 600 pupils were busy at their desks. But the children were well drilled for just such an emergency and they all marched from the burning structure and none were injured. It was a triumph for discipline, for the building was entirely destroyed and therefore there was real danger of a panic among the children.

Judge Bean's successor as circuit judge will doubtless be very glad that the east end water rights have been adjudicated. It took Judge Bean five years to learn what he knows about that case. See what mental effort the new man will be saved.

Perhaps it would make the coal mines more safe if a law could be passed requiring the owners to spend a certain portion of their time down in the shafts.

Now that the rates on upper berths have been ordered reduced there will be some satisfaction for the unfortunate traveler who is forced to sleep near the roof.

From all that is said it would look like the prospects for the engineers strike are very threatening. Still men seldom fight when they start in by talking about it.

Any Christmas package looks nicer and brighter with a Red Cross stamp upon it.

THE FEMINE REASON.

Do you ever feel down in the dumps As cranky and cross as two sticks, When life seems a road full of bumps And your spirits are all in a mix? Would you know why you're in such a fix? Why with inward forebodings you're gnawed? The reason, five times out of six, Is called Gladys, or Phoebe, or Maude.

Did you ever feel light as an air? As free and as blithe as the elf? As pleased as old Punch with your self, Without e'er a trouble or care? Would you know why the world seems so fair, And life's way so smooth and so broad? The reason (exceptions are rare) Is called Gladys, or Phoebe, or Maude.

In short, if you feel sad or blue, Or your spirits with joy overrun; When you feel that with life you'd be through, And with the gray world you'd be done; When you're bubbling all over with fun,— When from coldness your attitude's thawed, The reason ten chances to one, Is called Gladys, or Phoebe or Maude. —N. Salisbury in Puck.

WILL INFLUENCE FASHIONS.

It is possible that King George and Queen Mary may be crowned on June 23, although the date has not been definitely fixed. It is said, however, that it will influence the fashions very much next summer and that purple and its related tints of violet will be the popular early summer shades of color. London, of course will be the mecca of people from all parts of the world, and seats are already booked for the event.

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Chicago.—Gamblers and sporting men of Chicago believe that the coming year will be the most prosperous in the recent history of the city for their ilk. The report has gone forth that 1911 will usher in a "wide open regime," with pugilism, racing and gambling going on with the lid off. The racing interests plant to reopen three tracks and to resume bookmaking, reviving the past glories of the game.

HARDY ROSE BUSHES.

There are several reasons why roses are not trellised around the north pole, one of these being that Peary started before M. F. D'Arcy, of this city, had got far enough advanced in his scheme of "Esquemau" arboriculture to make the experiment worth trying.

Mr. D'Arcy had a hundred bushes still blooming in his outdoor garden. One day last week a frost spread a lace-work of ice crystals over the bushes of Andover, yet the hardy rose bushes put forth their frail buds of pink and white next day as if nothing had happened. Yet the place where they bloom is exposed to the sweep of the autumn winds.

There is no magic about it, Mr. D'Arcy explains. It is merely a new justification of the habit of daily cold bathing. These bushes get a shower bath of unwarmed water every morning before sunrise. This prevents the frost from harming them. Their owner says one can make roses bloom at any time of the year with proper care.

Mr. D'Arcy's rose bushes had two sets of blooms last year, the first starting in June and the blossoms of the second crop lasting until after Christmas.—Andover, Mass., Special to New York American.

HOW TO EAT WAFFLES.

The recently defeated nominee for governor of Ohio is very fond of waffles.

"I have a regular formula for eating waffles," said Mr. Harding to a friend, "and I recommend it to every one. You eat the first fourteen waffles without syrup, but with lots of butter. Then you put syrup on the next nine, and the last half dozen you eat just simply swimming in syrup. Eaten that way, waffles never hurt anybody."—Success Magazine.

WOMEN AS VOLUNTEERS.

Mrs. St. Clair Stobert founded the Women's Sick and Wounded Convoy corps, which works in connection with the Red Cross in England. The women who join the corps are all serious and the work is voluntary, and even the uniform could be said to attract them, as it is very simple and unadorned. The women take training in their work, go into camp and so on, and hold themselves ready in any national emergency to go to work.

To Aid Plague Victims.

A Christmas shop at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, has attracted large crowds of society people. The funds raised will be devoted to the work of the Stony Wold sanitarium in the Adirondacks, where self-supporting women and little children afflicted with incipient tuberculosis are brought back to life and health.

British Farmers Coming.
Arrangements have been made for a large party of British farmers to visit the agricultural colleges, experimental stations and farms of the United States and Canada next year, for the purpose of learning how English agricultural methods may be improved.

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