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CRAVING FOR FLOWERS.

CHEAP water promises to make Tonopah a garden spot this summer. Already the hum of the housewife in her house-cleaning is heard in the land and the next move will be the planting of every spot of earth around the home with some of Nature's glorious millinery. There is no reason why the homes of the camp should not rival the beauties of more favored climes with oral adornment, but there should not be too great a rush about setting out plants and flowers. It should be borne in mind that at this altitude and in this bracing climate there is always a late storm due about the middle of April that would prove disastrous to tender shrubs peeping timidly from boxes or pots. Then comes the period of sandstorms that have to be faced before the grand old summer time bursts on the desert. After this the camp should blossom out in all the effulgence of the tropics.

There is no reason why we should not have all the advantages of beautiful environment. The situation of Tonopah appeals to every new arrival. Situated on a mound in the center of a basin surrounded with sleek capped mountains, at an altitude that insures cool nights during the term when the rest of the country is sweltering in torridity, this is an ideal place.

In September, 1776, Father Escalante, a pioneer priest, invaded the Nevada desert, which captivated his fancy and he wrote back to Lisbon his impressions of the country of which Tonopah is the geographical center as follows: "Here the climate is so delicious, the air so balmy and inspiring that it is a pleasure to breathe day or night."

Nothing could describe the climate in such concrete form. The phrasing is the essence of condensation and the worthy padre has thousands of others who will add their testimony to this early observation. The air is balmy, the days are a revelation. The cool breezes of the canyons mingle with the pure ozone of the desert, wafting the odor of sage and wild flower and mellowing them into an ambrosial atmosphere as grateful to one's senses as the breath of the lotus leaf. All that is lacking is the music of songbirds for the desert is bereft of melody and the children of those who make their homes in this quarter have but one longing that only can be gratified by the tuneful notes of imprisoned songsters in gilded cages adorning the home. A pathetic instance occurred the other day to denote the unappeasable hunger of desert babes for the shrill notes of the feathered tribe. After the passing of the last storm the town was filled with feathered vagabonds. They came from no one knew whither and where they went no one learned. Their passage filled the air with melodious twitterings from thousands of tiny throats. They swooped down on the busy streets and fought and wrangled like a lot of bull sparrows for scraps of food. They darted hither and thither in myriads and the air was filled with their cheerful presence. Somebody called them "snowbirds" but none could give their habitat. Sufficient for the day was their enlivening presence. They were harbingers of spring and the army of aerial wanderers caused many a man and woman to pause and watch their mad gyrations. This seemed to furnish an excellent opportunity for the tots of the kindergarten class to take lessons in bird lore and one day the teachers invited their tiny charges to go out to get better acquainted with the feathered visitors. Sixty babes, just escaped from the cradle, eagerly assented to the proposition. Hand in hand they sallied forth into the clear crystal atmosphere and enlivening sunlight. The little folks toddled around for an hour and returned disappointed. They had not seen a single bird on their travels. The nearest approach to the denizens of the air they sought was a group of pigeons billing and cooing in a back yard. The tiny hearts that ached for a glimpse of real bird visitors were left a painful void, but the care-free minds of childhood soon forgot the baffled desire, but if one could have looked into the depths of their souls they would have read a repining for the departed birds.

This is simply an instance of the innate desire of all of us for a glimpse of the beauties of Nature and nothing can be lost by cultivating and encouraging the taste for flowers and foliage.

The Kaiser has forbidden the toothbrush mustache, but the girls are not saying a word.

UNITED STATES MUST FIGHT MEXICO FOR HONOR, SAYS CATHOLIC PRIEST

While President Woodrow Wilson and his secretary of state, William Jennings Bryan, are seeking, by diplomacy, to prevent intervention in Mexico, they are at the same time allowing the shipment of guns and ammunition into that country which ultimately will be used to kill soldiers of the United States army.

This is one of a score of startling statements made to the Denver Post by the Rev. Father Thomas H. Malone, who returned from a visit to northern Mexico, where he met and talked with Villa, the leader of the constitutionalists.

There is none of the jingo in Father Malone. Being orphaned through the civil war, he knows somewhat of the miseries of war. By nature and training he is temperate and himself one of the foremost diplomats of the church he serves, he believes only in that form of mediation between nations which means the settlement of misunderstandings without loss of national prestige. Therefore what Father Malone has to say sounds like a knell to those who would cherish peace at any cost.

"One must sympathize with Bryan and Wilson," said Father Malone, "for trying to prevent war—since that is what intervention means. But the final solution is intervention. This watchful, waiting policy of Washington is based on a high, fine human motive, but it is destined to fail. Every day carload lots of ammunition are rushed across the border. This is going into the hands of the constitutionalists. All the border towns are filled with refugees as far as Las Cruces and we have and are furnishing the means for killing our own men when the time comes.

"With the Mexican revolution is a business as agriculture, mining, banking is a business with us.

"Under Villa, Orozco, Zapata, the Mexicans—who are part Indian—have tasted blood and they like it. They are today having better food, clothing, more money in their pockets, than they ever had for every man's property is the prey of looters. The well-to-do Mexicans in the north have lost their all.

"If Villa were to succeed with Carranza's help, in reaching Mexico City and establish his government there, new leaders would spring up in the north to evoke new revolutions—so there is only one way to bring peace, maintain our dignity, preserve the spirit and letter of the Monroe doctrine, and that is intervention.

"England's attitude means either that we must intervene or abandon the pretensions of the Monroe doctrine. We or another nation must protect foreign citizens.

"Until we do this we must suffer the contempt of every inhabitant of Mexico—foreign or native.

"Until we do this our ears will be assailed by such blasphemous boasting as Federal General Salazar shouted to the government at Washington: 'We have killed your citizens! We have destroyed your property! We have ravished your women! Yet you will not fight!' Saying this, Salazar and his men on their way to Fort Bliss, spat at the United States.

"That is the temper of the federals and revolutionists, and the men who are their leaders—Villa, Carranza—know the alpha and omega of diplomacy where we have not yet learned what the characters mean; they know the value to them of the 'waiting-watching' policy of Washington and as long as they can force us to wait until tomorrow war will rage, blood will flow, property will be destroyed and the United States continue a by-word and a sneer to all people."

"We've had many reports of what Villa is and what he is not," I said to Father Malone and asked his opinion.

"Villa is a bandit. His people were bandits before him. He is clever, shrewd and knows his people better than any of his predecessors have known them. He is loyal to one

cause, has worn but one uniform, which he put on when he came down from the mountains to enlist with Madero. He rewards his friends and he disposes of his enemies with equal alacrity."

As an example of Villa's methods, Father Malone cited two events. One happened Christmas day when Villa, to prove his gratitude, took his generals into Chihuahua and there gave them deeds to the finest mansions in the city which he had confiscated from their owners.

The other had to do with a horse thief. A property owner who paid tribute to Villa complained of the loss of three horses. The thief was captured and Villa ordered his immediate execution as warning to others who might be inclined to take what did not belong to them. This has left the country free of horse thieves.

"Speaking of the contempt in which we are held," continued Father Malone, "I was standing at the railroad station at Juarez last Sunday waiting to take the train north. At the station were also the members of the commission appointed by our government to investigate the manner in which Benton, the English subject, came to his death. There was the English consul, two surgeons of the American army, with the rank of major; the American consul, the collector of customs at El Paso. They were just starting to get aboard their special train for Chihuahua when a shabby Mexican, dressed mostly in cartridge belts, stepped up to them and without ceremony said: 'It is the order of General Carranza that you do not go on this train!'

"There were no explanations demanded. The representatives of the two greatest powers in the world heard the order from the lips of a Mexican peon and obeyed. My blood fairly boiled at the insult. But we must watch and wait."

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