TEXAS TOWN TOPICS.

RESULTS OF EFFORTS OF THE POST NEWS GATHERERS.

Developments Expected in the Wade Attempted Assassination—Lighthouse Keeper Missing—Boy's Hand Blown off—Religious.

COLUMBUS, March 26.—Judge B. Bryan of Brenham came in on the morning train. He at once opened court and after impaneling the jury called for trial the cases of the State of Texas vs. H. H. Moss et al., (two cases), better known as the Eagle Lake murder cases. Judge George R. McCormick, having been appointed by the governor to represent the State in the prosecution (Hon. S. L. Green being disqualified), appeared and took the office of district attorney, after which the defendants were called to set aside the indictment was taken up and duly discussed pro and con. Judge Bryan sustained the motion, dismissed the case and discharged the defendants from the custody of the law. This ends one of the most interesting cases that has engaged the attention of the court in this county for a long time.

The case of the State vs. H. M. Ehrenworth was called and passed until this morning in order that more jurymen can be summoned. The case, if gone into will be closely contested.

A negro, who was cut by another negro several days since, died night before last from the effect of the wounds. Perkins, the negro who did the cutting, has been held under a charge of aggravated assault, but since the death of the assaulted party a charge for murder has been lodged against him. His examining trial is set for tomorrow.

HALLETTSVILLE.

HALLETTSVILLE, March 26.—Commissioners court is in session today to receive bids on two big iron bridges, one over the Navidad and one over Mixon's creek. Lavaca county has already at least twenty iron bridges and seals over more than two these new ones. Good roads are now sealed even more than the bridges.

Sheriff Holcombe has taken to the asylum in San Antonio Miss Annie Rieder. It is hoped that she may fully recover.

Tongue at Hallett's said the Hallettsville Schottische-verein gives its twenty-fifth annual King's ball. Mr. Leo Kiesel is king.

Lawyer Townsend is today holding his monthly term of justice's court. But few criminal cases are on the docket.

Candidates for the county offices have begun to announce. In a few days they divided between the democrats will announce a county ticket as was done last election. The populists will hold their convention early and the democrats are waiting to see what they will do.

HITCHCOCK.

HITCHCOCK, March 26.—Constable Peter Faber and Justice of the Peace H. R. McComb were posted yesterday to come to Lamarque and search for goods stolen from cars during the night. Search was made but no trace of the missing goods was found. Today H. R. McComb, justice of the peace, received a telegram from Trainmaster Ray of the International and Great Northern, that the guilty parties were again at work, having made an attempt to break into a car in a train standing at Lamarque station. The thief was discovered by train hands and skipped before getting hold of anything.

Strawberries are now being shipped with prospects of a good market, as it is predicted by the shippers that high prices will be realized. Growers are figuring on large shipments of vegetables and melons this season.

Dr. Chew of McKinney, Texas, has located here. His family and household goods arriving Thursday.

EL CAMPO.

EL CAMPO, March 26.—The "Pearl of the Prairies" improves daily. At present two churches are in progress of construction. The Swedish-Lutheran in South El Campo will be a handsome building when completed and on the northern side the Methodist church is receiving the finishing touches. There is also contemplated a Catholic church. This can show the partial activity existing in the thriving little city.

This reporter met with pleasure El Campo's old citizen, Major Jno. Kingsbury. Major Kingsbury is a fund of information concerning the prospect of the El Campo country, the new rice of the soil, its capabilities, etc. To know El Campo one must meet Major Kingsbury.

The Eldorado band has been detailed a lodge in El Campo with a number of membership in the members. The lodge is designed to be one of the largest in the southwest.

CUERO.

CUERO, March 26.—Sheriff Stell on yesterday arrested two Mexicans by the name of Alvarez, suspected of being the parties wanted for shooting Mr. Wade at Casa Blanco a few days since. Captain Rogers of the Rangers will be here today to see them.

Otto Gerdes was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of theft of money from the Cuero Record press.

The saddest occurrence happening in this city for a long time was the sudden derangement of George Imhoff, formerly agent of the Aransas Pass here and well known over all this section. He became crazed Saturday morning. He was taken to San Antonio yesterday by members of the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Maccabees, both of which orders he was a member.

Deputy Sheriff Warren of Travis county, was here Saturday to get Alex Boston recently arrested by Sheriff Stell.

VICTORIA.

VICTORIA, March 26.—Mrs. Viola Case, the venerable old lady who has taught several generations of Victorians, is quite ill at her home and very little hope is entertained of her recovery.

Mr. D. H. Hogan leaves today on a business trip to New York.

Grace Davidson and A. M. McFaddin returned yesterday from Galveston.

Miss Tacon Hurley, who has been making her home with Mrs. D. H. Hogan and attending school at Sacred Heart for the past two years, returned to her home at Sinton, in this county, yesterday.

Services at the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Lutheran Churches yesterday were quite beautiful and impressive in their simplicity and appropriateness. The Episcopal church was crowded to the doors, the attendance, was very large at all the churches.

LAMPASAS.

LAMPASAS, March 26.—Joe Hockley, a reformed solon and blacksmith, lectured yesterday evening at the courthouse to ladies only. The courthouse was packed. He will deliver his lecture tonight on "Old Topsy."

Rev. A. H. Turner, preached his farewell sermon yesterday. He will shortly remove for Caldwell, where he will preach his first sermon next Sunday.

Mr. Joseph Oliver, of Greenback is visiting Miss Lottie Cain.

SAN ANGELO.

SAN ANGELO, March 26.—John McGuire arrested Saturday charged with robbing the United States mail on March 11 near Bryan Bluff, Crockett county, and subsequently tried, duly waived examination and will be taken to jail at Ft. Worth to await court of inquiry in the federal court.

BUNGE.

BUNGE, March 26.—T. H. Williams of Gilmanton closed a trade yesterday with Charles E. Williams for his fine farm, a mile and a half from town. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will leave soon for North Texas and will be greatly missed by the people of Bunge.

A. W. Talk has just replaced the old windmill which has been used to pump water for the town, with a fine Eclipse mill, as the mill which was taken down could not supply the demand for water.

Grass is beginning to look green and farmers are busy planting. Rain is badly needed.

The total number of bales of cotton shipped to date is 184.

PALESTINE.

PALESTINE, March 26.—Ex-Governor Richard B. Hubbard is in the city and will deliver a lecture at the opera house.

Sheriff Pierce, who was taken suddenly ill at the court house yesterday, is some better today.

The Amaranthine society will meet at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Price, on Southmore street, tomorrow evening.

Miss Hyner Levy, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Moore, in this city, returned to her home at Grapeland this morning.

Mrs. F. E. Henry of Trinity is visiting relations in this city.

The protracted meeting which has been going on for the past two weeks at the Methodist church in this city, was closed last night.

EAGLE LAKE.

EAGLE LAKE, March 26.—A sad accident happened to Johnnie Gwynn, son of Mr. John A. Gwynn, on the play grounds of the public school at the noon recess today. One of the boys had a large firecracker, commonly known as a "cannon cracker," which he lighted and threw on the ground. Johnnie thinking it had gone out picked it up in his right hand, when it exploded and blew his hand almost entirely to pieces, necessitating amputation of the hand at the wrist. The little patient is now resting easy and will no doubt recover soon.

CALVERT.

CALVERT, March 26.—Mr. Bun Goode went down to Bryan yesterday on a "little business."

Misses Nona Cook and Hearne returned home to Bryan after a few days' visit to Mrs. Geo. Wicker.

Mr. J. S. Freeman of Bryan is in the city today.

Mr. J. R. Woodall of Rutherville is in the city today on business.

Mr. Harry Smith has resigned his position with the Bryan Democrat and will manage the Calvert ball team this season. The club will play five games in Galveston next Saturday and Sunday.

The theatrical season has closed here.

VELASCO.

VELASCO, March 26.—Either steamship Count of Sutherland cleared by J. Mallon or Cuxhaven Hamburg, Germany, took 18 extra large wagon tops, woven from the pieces of sails sent from the Logansport, La., sawe factory, seven hundred bales of Houston manufactured oil cake, worth $10 per ton, 1,000 sacks of meal, worth $1.20 a bbl. and 1,000 bbls. flour.

The body of the negro found floating down the Brazos Saturday has been claimed by his family, who live about twenty miles above Velasco. He died of heart disease.

Brazos falling a little and free of drift, but still high.

TEHUACANA.

TEHUACANA, March 26.—A revival meeting is in progress here under the leadership of Pastor J. A. Groves of Mexia, Texas. It is constantly increasing in interest, and already there are a number of professions. Mr. Groves is a fine preacher, and the people are greatly impressed with his sermons. The evangelist, W. F. Hutchison, of Nashville, Tenn., is also here visiting his brother, Mr. Groves, and is aiding in the services.

The rain and mud weather have interfered to some extent, but not a service has missed. The meeting will continue through the coming week.

DEVERS.

DEVERS, March 26.—Mr. J. M. Morris, who had been breaking land for Mr. C. R. Williams, the gentleman who was accidentally shot Saturday, came to town today with his grading outfit and in a short time C. G. Compton and W. A. Reid had raised enough money by subscription to have Main street graded its entire length. Work was begun immediately and in two hours four things were progressing nicely. Hurrah for the property owners paid their portion of the money.

LIVINGSTON.

LIVINGSTON, March 26.—Mr. E. Taylor and a friend, Mr. Dosh Griffin, were in town this morning and on mounting their horses to return home Mr. Taylor struck his Winchester in such a manner as to discharge it, the contents entering the point of one shoulder of Mr. Griffin's horse, producing a serious if not fatal wound. The gun was hanging on the saddle and it is supposed that in mounting the scabbard was forced against the horn of the saddle with such force as to fire it.

QUINTANA.

QUINTANA, March 26.—Mr. Petersen, an aged Norwegian and tender of lights on the Brazos river jetties, rowed out to light his lamps last Saturday evening, but did not return and has not been seen since. His skiff was found yesterday on the base of West jetty near the end. As the Brazos is high and floating considerable drift, it is supposed he is drowned. Mr. Petersen was a good, peaceable citizen of Quintana. He leaves a wife and other relations living here. Much sympathy is felt for them.

OVERTON.

OVERTON, March 26.—Two box cars loaded with trusses passed here yesterday, bound for Washington. They expected the people of Longview to give them their supper. They were a tough-looking lot.

It is reported here on good authority that the people of Henderson are going to run R. E. Taylor for congress, against Hon. Sam Rayburn.

TRINITY.

TRINITY, March 26.—Easter services at the Methodist church yesterday morning brought out a large attendance. The little children, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. T. A. Godley, gave an Easter entertainment at 3 p. m. Good and acquitted themselves admirably. Rev. A. Shelby then delivered one of his masterly sermons for the occasion.

CROCKETT.

CROCKETT, March 26.—Sheriffs Bills of Harris county and McCord of Henderson county, Deputy Sheriffs Turner of Walker county and McAliffee of Henderson county, Judge W. O. Buford and W. W. Holland of Overton, are here attending court.

Judge Watkins spent Sunday with relatives at Athens.

NACOGDOCHES.

NACOGDOCHES, March 26.—Old man Page and Sheriff Davis, who are charged in Shelby county with the burning of Hannah's gin and who are now in the custody of the Shelby county authorities, will be brought up for trial next before district Judge Joe S. Fohy under writ of habeas corpus.

LEXINGTON.

LEXINGTON, March 26.—The ice was in this city yesterday and local ministers were out covering their potatoes from the frost.

BRYAN.

BRYAN, March 26.—Joe Smith had his left leg broken by his horse falling on him Friday evening.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH

Be sure and use that old and well tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea.

JACK FROST IN TEXAS.

THIN ICE REPORTED IN SEVERAL LOCALITIES.

Generally Thought That Fruit Will Not Be Seriously Affected—Early Gardens Nipped and in Some Sections Destroyed.

Hempstead, Texas, March 26.—At Waller, W. Calloway, Chinnault, W. Fenn registered 2 degrees below freezing point and it was expected that all garden, melons and corn crop would be found killed by the frost. But from some unexplainable, perhaps climatic reason, nothing was found injured to any material extent. Many varied explanations are made by farmers to account for the fact that while water was covered with ice the near by gardens were uninjured. Today has been bright and cold and indications point to another freeze for the coming night, farmers are covering up their garden patches as best they can with hay and dirt.

Oakland, Texas, March 26.—Farmers Moo, merchants long-faced and the doctors sweet, they just blue in dock. The mercurometer registered 31 degrees. Ice was plentiful and there is grave apprehension that the crops are all killed.

Chester Tommy was a bitter one in Oakland this time. All day long people could be seen covering up vegetables and such things as were wanted to be saved. This reporter had just a few days ago finished growing out a very large watermelon patch and Irish potatoes knee high and much other truck equally forward—all gone now!

Tehuacana, Texas, March 26.—The cold wave which struck this place last Friday increased in strength until last night. Ice was nearly an inch thick this morning and all vegetables are killed and there are fears in regard to the fruit crop. The corn is bitten off to the ground. As a general thing the farmers were well advanced in the spring crop, but this cold snap will force them to do much of their work ever again.

Mexia, Texas, March 26.—The wind has been blowing from the north two days without ceasing and this morning the thermometer stood at 24 degrees. There was ice this morning one-quarter of an inch thick. It is too early to know that much damage is done to corn and gardens as there was no frost, though some corn on uplands is killed. The wind is still blowing.

Centerville, Texas, March 26.—The cold wave created little ice this morning. An old timer says, however, that the fruit crop is not injured by it, as the moon was shining when the freeze was on. The moon, he says, causes the sap to be frozen and hence fruit is never injured when it occurs during moonlight hours. Weather clear, with stiff north wind blowing—thermometer down to 29 degrees at noon.

Denison, Texas, March 26.—Heavy frost fell in this section last night. Gardeners and fruit growers are unanimous in saying that fruit and early vegetables are badly damaged, if not ruined. Corn in many places will have to replant. The peach crop is reported ruined. Ice this morning was half an inch thick. Another frost will fall tonight.

Lexington, Texas, March 26.—The mercury settled down this morning to 22 degrees above zero. Ice one-quarter of an inch thick formed on water exposed. The wind keeps the frost off. The extent of damage done by the freeze can not now be ascertained. Captain C. L. Dowdy, an excellent farmer, says corn is not killed. Frost is forecast again tonight.

Milican, Texas, March 26.—Farming received a serious setback night. Cotton, corn and oats are killed. The land plaster planted in oats will have to be planted in other crops as it is too late to plant oats. Fruit buds are also killed. The weather is still blowing and another frost is looked for in the morning.

Victoria, Texas, March 26.—Nothing but the high wind which blew from the north all day yesterday and last night prevented a blighting frost. It was cloudy and not a sign of frost, which fortunately only affected the tenderest vegetables and flowers and spared the more hardy ones.

Jacksonville Texas, March 26.—The freeze last night and yesterday killed the entire peach crop here, though it will take time to tell. Two years ago in March the trees and peach blooms were covered with ice and still there was a good crop. The peach crop means a good deal here.

Cuero, Texas, March 26.—We had a hard freeze here last night. After several days of warm rain the ground was frozen hard this morning. All vegetation is killed. Snow birds are killed. The fruit crop, which is worth thousands of dollars to the town and surrounding country.

Corpus Christi, Texas, March 26.—A cold dry norther has been prevailing here for the past forty-eight hours, but as yet there has been no frost. Should a frost come it would be fatal to vegetation of all kinds and farming would receive a big setback.

Velasco, Texas, March 26.—The coldest weather ever recorded in Brazoria county during March. It was nearly cold enough for frost last night. A norther has been blowing for thirty-six hours.

Crockett, Texas, March 26.—A bitter norther blew up yesterday evening and last night there was a light freeze. Most of the gardens are destroyed and all of the pears and plums.

Rusk, Texas, March 26.—We had frost and a freeze here last night. It is thought if the fruit is killed as it was all in full bloom, gardens and corn and all vegetation are killed.

Brenham, Texas, March 26.—Vegetation looks mighty sick today. There was a freeze here last night, standing water outdoors all having a thin skin of ice on it this morning.

Lampasas, Texas, March 26.—A heavy freeze prevailed in this section last night, considerably injuring fruit. No damage as yet is reported to the crops.

Nacogdoches, Texas, March 26.—A stiff norther has been blowing since yesterday. Gardens and most all other vegetation were frozen out this morning.

Cuero, Texas, March 26.—The cold weather resulted in a freeze last night, the being quite thick. Farmers say there is no serious damage yet.

Trinity, Texas, March 26.—Frost and the this morning has closed house with young parties, but it is thought the fruit crop is uninjured.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Final Answer Given the Indians—New Charges—Personal.

Austin, Texas, March 26.—Big Jim, the Shawnee chief; Short Leg Joe, a Shawnee and also the interpreter, and Clabber Eye Jake called upon Governor Hogg this morning to hear what he would say in the way of an ultimatum about their claim against the State of Texas growing out of a treaty between the Cherokees, Shawnees and other friendly tribes and General Sam Houston in 1836.

Big Jim handed the Governor a letter from Commissioner of the Land Office Gaughey addressed to him (Big Jim), in which the commissioner said that he would find no valid claim in any Texas lands on file in the land office, and that the Shawnees had no claim.

The governor then asked Big Jim what he wanted, and the chief replied that he would simply like to know if he is the governor's final action, which the governor could not do.

The Indians do not seem to understand the situation, and in reply to a question from The Post reporter as to how long they would remain in Austin, the interpreter replied that they did not know.

A. W. Morris of Bowie is in Austin and is stopping at Delaware.

Mr. H. C. Wilcox, accompanied by Mesdames Wilcox, Hollingsworth and Dillard, are stopping at the Avenue hotel. They are here on a visit to their daughters, who are attending school in Austin.

The Log Cabin club of Beaumont, with a capital stock of $5,000, filed a charter today with the secretary of state. The corporation is formed for the entertainment, recreation and amusement of its members and their guests under regulations prescribed by its by-laws, the maintenance of a hotel or club house at Mazie Lake in Hardin county, and the maintenance of a park in connection therewith. The board of trustees for the first year are: V. Weiss, Jed. Chalsch, L. P. Orden, A. B. Weaver, Hal W. Greer, W. R. Caswell, W. P. H. McFaddin, S. S. Lang, John N. Gilbert, H. W. Potter and W. C. Averill.

Sheriff White went up to Taylor today to take charge of a man by the name of Miss Edwards, who is wanted in Murfreesboro, Tenn., for shooting a man there. Sheriff White has been after this man ever since he left Tennessee and finally located him in Williamson county.

The governor today appointed F. C. Plummer branch pilot at the port of Sabine upon the recommendation of the board of pilot commissioners for that port.

The National Railway Building and Loan association of Georgia was today authorized to transact business within the limits of this State.

The secretary of state deposited office fees in the comptroller for the month ending March 23: General revenue $875.20 and for the Confederate Home $1030.72.

THE TABLES TURNED.

The Groom's Joyous Revenge—Little Infant Incinerated.

Brenham, Texas, March 26.—Mr. Charles Leigh Anderson and bride left on the north bound Santa Fe this morning for Ardmore, I. T., the home of the groom, where, after a reception there, will go on a bridal trip to California. A few days ago, when he left here without his bride, some of the Brenham boys sang "Good-by, My Lover, Goodby," and as the train pulled out this morning a card tacked on the Pullman sleeper read, "Goodby, My Lover, Goodby," in box car letters, which provoked a sickly smile on some of the disappointed swains, but was a joke heartily enjoyed by the crowd.

Lightning killed a horse belonging to Mr. R. Gouenig near Phillipburg Thursday. At the same time it struck the church there, which was injured to the amount of $200 or more.

News has just been received here of the cremation of a child near Waltham, a few days ago. It was the 6-months-old infant of Will Chatman and was left in a cradle in front of the fire place, while the mother went to a neighbor's house to play, but out of hearing of the screams of her child. The house took fire, dropped out and lodged in the cradle, setting fire to the cradle clothing, which was burned up. On the mother's return she found the remains of her infant in a crisp in the ashes of its home and the cradle clothes, all of which had been consumed.

District court reconvened this morning on the fourth week of its spring session with two minor cases set for today and a special venire of twenty jurors in each case, which, with the witnesses and interested parties in the two cases made a good attendance.

The case of the of the State vs. West Kemp, charged with murder, was continued by the State.

The case of the State vs. Henry Ware resulted in his entering a plea of guilty and being sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

There was a Methodist Sabbath school picnic at Phillipsburg today.

Messrs. Carlisle, Joe and Jack Routt and T. B. McDermott of Chappel Hill were en route to Brenham this morning in a hack, when at Edwards's Creek the vehicle gave way, the coupling breaking. Mr. Jack Routt was thrown out on his head. The vehicle had to be abandoned and a farm wagon was secured in which the party completed the trip, being summoned here as jurors.

FIGHTING FOR LIBERTY.

Parker's Attorneys Will Invoke Habeas Corpus—Rumors of Arrests.

Corpus Christi, Texas, March 26.—The decision of the court of appeals in the case of John P. Parker has been the general theme of conversation on the streets today.

The crime for which Parker was convicted and given a life term in the penitentiary was the killing of City Marshal Scoggins in May, 1891. Parker's attorney at once made a motion for a new trial which was overruled, and appeal then taken and after several months the case was reversed, when the decision of lower court was affirmed. Parker's attorneys then filed a motion for a rehearing and after arguing in the courts for more than a year the motion for a rehearing was overruled in the court of appeals at Dallas last Saturday.

It is now understood that Parker's attorneys will make a final move, will sue out a writ of habeas corpus, and should he be denied only the interference of the governor will prevent Parker from serving out a life term in the penitentiary. While awaiting the decision of the upper court Parker has been confined in jail here and though anxiety has told on him plainly it is said that he was hopeful to the last moment that his motion for a rehearing would be granted and still believes the habeas corpus will be granted.

It was rumored on the streets today that some highly sensational arrests were to be made in connection with the attempted assassination of Mr. John Wade at Wade City.

The rumors could not be traced to any reliable source, however, and Sheriff Whelan says if Captain Rogers of the Rangers, who is working the case up, has any such arrests in contemplation that he (the sheriff) has not been notified of it.

BEAUMONT BUDGET.

The Pay Car Arrives—Distinguished Visitors—Personal Notes.

Beaumont, Texas, March 26.—The arrival of the Southern Pacific hand wagon here caused the boys to rejoice when the trumpeters discovered silvery strains.

At the home of Mr. W. A. Fletcher tonight a reception will be given in honor of Miss Ida Caldwell, who is visiting Miss Sadie Carswell.

Mrs. George C. O'Brien is visiting friends in Dallas.

Shortly after 6 o'clock this morning the fire department was called out to extinguish a blaze in the house of Woolston Pipkin. The fire was subdued before any appreciable damage had been done.

Judge Edwin Hobby is in the city from Houston.

General Francis Peabody of Boston and Hon. John H. Kirby of Houston went up the East Texas road to Warren today. They took a jaunt into the minories of the Texas and Louisiana Land and Lumber company and will return to Houston tonight and visit Galveston tomorrow.

Judge A. S. Grubbs and District Attorney C. R. Martin, of the Ninth judicial district, passed through the city today en route to Kountze to hold court.

Miss Nellie Costello and Misses Hettie and Nellie Hinder are here from Lake Charles visiting Miss Lottie Myrick.

BEXAR'S INDICTED OFFICIALS

San Antonio, Texas, March 26.—On the 20th of April, 1893, the county commissioners of Bexar county, William Boerner, Peter Jonas, Frank Unverzagt and Joseph Dwyer were indicted by the grand jury on charges of conspiracy to swindle and with unlawfully paying J. Reilly Gordon, architect, $1,000. The trouble arose in connection with the construction of the new courthouse. Today the first charge was dismissed and the proceedings with on the other charge. Only five jurors were obtained at the time court adjourned.

AN EXCELLENT MEDICINE

Our druggists sell a preparation for rheumatism that has performed some remarkable cures. Frank Richardson, an engineer on the Southern Pacific railway, who resides at Los Angeles, Cal., was troubled with rheumatism for a long time. He was treated by several physicians, also visited the Hot Springs, but received no permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain balm, which is the medicine referred to above. He says it is the best medicine in the world for rheumatism.

WHAT MANNER OF MAN

SERMON SUNDAY AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. William Hayne Leavell Dwelt Upon Features of Easter Day, Orig n and the Prophecies of the Promise of a Redeemer.

Matthew 8:27, "What manner of man is this."

Nature is risen from the dead. The grass is green, the trees are leafing, the roses are beginning to bloom. A thousand forms of life are shaking themselves free from the lethargy of dormant winter.

Man himself is conscious of change. The body responds to the influence which fits it to sustain the long strain of summer. There is in all of us a sort of rising from the dead.

The beasts of the forest feel the power of nature's resurrection and come forth from their hiding places and delightedly sniff the fresh air of spring.

The birds add a new and sweeter note to their song of welcome as the forms of nature burst into new and fuller life. They spread their wings and float upon the soft south wind and chirp a quick response to the "whispering leaves." All things live again and rejoice that they live.

Is it a mere coincidence that the Lord of life, disrobed of ghostly garments, quit the solemn sepulchre at a time when all the earth was beginning life again? Was it not, rather, the deep sagacious of the divine purpose which substituted a profound harmony between all things pure and true in the heavens above and in the earth beneath?

He who made all things to rejoice with the free impulses of renewed life in the glad spring tide could not "suffer His holy One to see corruption," which, sending life coursed among the veins of all coated things and the steel-gray heavens themselves changed into suns and the stars shed a sotter ray upon the world. God could not suffer his Son to lie in the tomb, held prisoner by death's black bonds, in dark and sunless the commissioners angels rolled away the stone from the door of the sepulchre on that glorious morning in spring more than eighteen hundred years ago and the Son of God, the Redeemer of Man and the Hope of the World, came forth from the tomb, with the pledge of universal resurrection in His hand.

On this anniversary of that great time, when in the analogies sing in chorus and fill the earth and air and sky with notes of praise, who can refuse to rejoice with inexpressible joy that Jesus Christ, the "Holy One" of God, is risen from the dead?

"Is there a man with soul so dead?" The purest sentiment of the sweetest souls the world has ever known gathers its deepest feeling about the day and time which gave birth to the Saviour of the world and of all their lives. It is the common habit of the noblest minds to give emphasis to anniversaries of great events in which they have reason to rejoice.

Not that they do them less honor on other days, but on this day they would forget everything else and remember only the one glorious fact whose recurring anniversary hallows it the more.

At other times we do not honor our Lord the less, nor rejoice the less in the fact of his resurrection, the pledge of our own, because we remember on this anniversary the deepest feeling of reverence and joy. We merely "call upon our souls and all that is within us" to emphasize with the sweetest praises and holiest songs the particular day whose ancient precursor witnessed the glory of His triumphant rising.

The church, whose faith is built upon the fact of Christ's resurrection, could not do less than establish a festival of song in honor of its Founder's triumph, and the day of all days for that festival is the anniversary of His rising.

As Christmas Day church and home and everywhere rejoice on Christmas Day that Jesus Christ was born into the world, so would I on Easter Day rejoice with inexpressible joy that Jesus Christ triumphed over death and hell and is "able to call upon men everywhere to join me in a shout of joy that would make earth and heaven ring."

Is it not the most stupendous fact of human history—the resurrection of Jesus Christ—to us Christians more than any other—more for mankind?

Why, then, should not the festival established by the modern church—A church of larger powers and more intelligence—and more of a conscious mission—shall we be less joyous than the ancient church in the event which lends to Christ to the day that were our fathers in the early times before the church was broken into traditions? Shall we refuse to honor the festal song of our former age supersedition made bad use of?

The fact of the resurrection is unique. The man who could, by force of his own scepter, burst the bonds of death and come from the tomb, is a man singular among men, and attractive to all who move on steadily toward the grave.

Once after a day of hard experience Jesus, tired and worn, laid his weary head on one the leather boss of the steersman's seat in a fishing smack and soon fell into profound slumber. The boat tossed lightly on the face of the lake, encountered a sudden storm and struggled with its fury. Lying as it does in the hollow of the hills, the lake is often swept by the winds from Gaulonitis and Hermon, and lashed into sudden fury. Such a storm broke over the lake on that day, and the hardy fisher-disciples were frightened out of their composure, which the Master slept peacefully and unconscious of their danger. Their excited exclamations, "Lord, save us perish," Without leave the Master rose and rebuked the fear of His followers, and quietly stretching His hand over the angry waves said, "Peace, be still." The billows broke and the furious waters drooped to the level of a tranquil sea, and there was an immediate calm.

Jesus, the man, rose from sleep to calm, from danger to safety, unconscious because the rules despite their familiar association with Jesus, and they marvelled, saying, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

From the low shape of a poor human life the world has ever looked upon the Son of Mary as a marvelous and inexplicable man. Looking away from His office and refusing His all into by deity, Christ is made to stand the cradle of a babe from Nazareth, and ever time to come. If He be but man the world must ever hold easily repeat the words of the astonished disciples, "What manner of man is this?" and breathlessly wait for an answer that never comes.

It is sometimes said that every famous age has its peculiar man—the man who embodies the thought and purpose of his times. Napoleon, Washington, Wellington, Washington, Was ington, Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Knox, Hooper, Milton, carried each of these men made for them and for their times.

With simple human methods we can unwind the secret of their strength, and with the dull perception of our concrete mind we can understand it. But what purely human history explains Jesus Christ?

Men with profound thought, clear intelligence, vast scholarship and unrivalled learning have from time to time appeared to produce a new religion. Which of them has ever claimed for himself that the salvation of Christ was really and personally conferred from Heaven? Which of them has ever ventured more than to point to a universal creed? Which of them has ever claimed that the man Christ Jesus is a mediator between God and man? Which of them has ever dared to say, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest?"