THE DAY OF LIGHT

Saxon Festival of Easter Was Regarded by Them as the Queen of All.

IN ANCIENT times the Saxons were worshipers of the heathen goddess Eostre, whose festival fell in the spring. The feast of the Resurrection falling in the spring also, the name was transferred to the Christian feast which, in the Saxon church, was regarded as the queen of festivals. It was termed the day of light, and from midnight of Easter eve until daylight the churches were brilliantly illuminated and decorated. On Easter morning the people flocked to the elaborate service, and especially to witness the symbolic resurrection from the sepulcher. This was represented by the priest's elevating in full view of the people the supposed body of the risen Christ.

In connection with the celebration in the churches the people indulged in feasting and rejoicing in their own homes. This was but a natural reaction from the rigorous fast of Lent imposed by the church, during which no meat whatever was eaten and on Good Friday no food at all was permitted upon the tables. Even the most devout Christians must have been ravenously hungry and rejoiced in the prospect of the Easter feast. The tables were covered with meats and pas-

Mass of Consecration in Tyrol for clothes, etc. Meadow where the Virgin appeared before Domenica Targa, a shepherdess.

In the Tyrol the Easter festival is one of great ceremony. During the Easter holidays bands of musicians visit every valley, singing beautiful hymns to the accompaniment of their instruments as they pass along—men, women and children joining in the chorus, bearing lighted torches of pine wood.

tries, which had been in preparation for days, and the entire week was given over to the celebration.

The egg always played an important part in these celebrations of Easter. In the early English days the eggs were very highly colored and decorated with landscapes and elaborate inscriptions. While most of the old elaborate displays have fallen into disuse, the egg in some form yet remains a feature of Easter in modern times. In Vienna the Easter egg is made of silver, mother of pearl and bronze, filled with all sorts of knickknacks and quaint devices.

The Tyrolese peasants yet retain a very pretty custom of celebrating Easter, in which the egg figures prominently. On Easter eve bands of musicians traverse every valley, singing holiday hymns. Their picturesque hats are adorned with flowers. Crowds of children accompany them and at night carry torches of lighted pine wood. As they pause before each house the people come to the doors and pour eggs into the baskets of the singers, while they themselves join in the chorus.

In olden times the Polish endeavored to surpass one another in elaborate Easter display and sumptuous feasts.

A Legend of the Lily.

The gates of the night unfolded
And a seraph came down to earth,
And walked where the roots and grasses
Were striving again for birth.
"What shall I give to mortals,"
He said, "on Easter morn,
As a sign of the resurrection
And the soul of man reborn?"

The snow lay deep on the churchyard
For the spring was late and cold;
He molded its pearly whiteness
In flowers with hearts of gold—
Wonderful flaxen blossoms,
Starry and sweet and pale,
Made for the holy places
Around the altar-rail.

After the dead, dark winter,
After the shrouding snows,
Still in its fragrant beauty
The Easter lily blows,
And its buds like angel fingers
Forever point the way
From the frozen clods and shadows
To the dawn of Easter day.
—Minna Irving, in Leslie's.

Belongs to All the World.

It is Easter the world over. It is a part of our nature to be joyous, and has been since the blond barbarians held the ancient feast of the Teutonic goddess Eostre, who was the goddess of the morning, of the East and of the spring. Many milestones back on the road to yesterday the early Christians greeted each other with the formula, "Christ is risen." To which the response was: "He is risen indeed."

FESTIVAL IN EGYPT

People Saw Pledge of Life Everlasting in the Resurrection of Mythical Osiris.

In the resurrection of Osiris the ancient Egyptians saw a pledge of life everlasting beyond the grave. The winter solstice was the period of mourning and lamentation for the divine agony of the slain Osiris, who in the religion of the Egyptians came to earth and reclaimed the people from savagery, giving them laws, teaching them the worship of the gods, giving his own body to feed his people, and dying that they might live. After the days of mourning came the ceremony of the finding of the body of Osiris and the resurrection of the god, the signal for the beginning of the spring festival of joy throughout the ancient land of the Nile. The resurrection of Osiris as symbolized in the sprouting grain was for the Egyptians an augury of man's immortality.

It is from the rich mythology of our Teutonic ancestors that we derive the very name of Easter itself, for the spring festival of Eostre, the goddess of spring, was a period of rejoicing that made the dark forests of northern Europe ring with gladness. With the conversion of the Germanic races to Christianity much of the old ritual of the Eostre worship was retained in the Easter ceremonies and customs of the peasants, where it is found today.

The Eastern customs of today had their beginnings so far back in the history of the world that it is impossible to trace their origins. The egg and the rabbit are two spring symbols of reviving nature that are universal and appear to be as popular today as thousands of years ago in ancient India. One of the legends is that the god Buddha finding the people starving, transformed himself into a hare that the people might be fed. All of the egg legends, of which there are a hundred variants, express the idea of regeneration that comes with the beginning of spring.

Our own Indians had many spring customs and rituals similar in many respects to those of the ancients of Asia Minor and Egypt. The old Peruvians and the Aztecs had elaborate spring festivals preceded by fasting, penitence and sacrifice followed by a day or days of joy, and it is significant that in many parts of Europe today Easter is known as the "Day of Joy." In the less civilized parts of Russia, in the Balkans and Asia Minor, and in Sicily the old pagan rites still survive. The heart of humanity for countless ages has throbbed and thrilled to the inspiration of Easter. Now, as in the past, it voices the highest aspirations of mankind. Now, as in the dimming past, men lift their hymns of joy to heaven in greeting to the surpassing mystery of the rebirth of the earth and in praise of the life-giving risen God.

BEST THOUGHTS FOR EASTER

Meant for Those Who Have a Real Appreciation of the Significance of the Season.

On Easter Sunday let us think—Of him in honor of whose perfect life and glorious resurrection carols ascend and flowers breathe forth their beauty and fragrance.

Of the God who sent him to confirm the hopes of the human race in the reality of the life beyond death.

Of the risen Christ's continued manifestation of himself through the pardon of peace, the comfort and the power which he bestows upon his disciples.

Of the Divine reserves yet to be released to complete, with man's assistance, the work Christ began.

Of beloved friends gone into the unseen world, still near us, still loving and needing us, but rejoicing in the richer, fuller life of the realm into which they have entered.

Of homes and hearts this last winter bereft of their dearest ones.

Of those hovering between life and death, and those who watch anxiously by their bedsides.

Of all who will spend Easter Sunday in prisons and hospitals, and the great army of those shut away, by age and infirmity, from the world's busy life.

Of victims of recent disasters on land and sea, and of all in any way affected by such calamities.

Of human need and loneliness in any part of the world which we can alleviate.

Of the joy and hope in millions of hearts today because of the Christ who died and rose again.

Of the final certain triumph of good over evil, right over wrong, life over death.—The Congregationalist.

N. D. News

Important Doings of Past Few Days Throughout the State. Edited and Arranged for Our Readers.

BANKERS TO MEET AT BOWMAN.

Slope Group of North Dakota Association to Hold Annual Convention Wednesday, Mar 26.

Mandan.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Missouri slope group of the North Dakota Bankers' association, Bowman was selected as the place and Wednesday, May 26, was named as the date for the annual meeting.

A tentative program has been arranged on which talks will be made by Gordon S. Smith of St. Paul, on livestock; John H. Richmond, one of the directors of the Minneapolis federal reserve bank; North Dakota Insurance Commissioner W. C. Taylor; R. F. Flint, North Dakota commissioner of agriculture and labor, and Superintendent W. A. Peterson of the United States dry land farming experimental station of Mandan; W. C. McFadden, secretary of the state bankers' association.

The visiting bankers will be entertained by the bankers of Bowman, J. E. Phelan being named chairman of the committee.

The executive committee in session here is composed of J. L. Bell, First National of Bismarck; B. C. Marks, City National of Bismarck, and T. E. Hayward, First National of Mandan.

LETS CONTRACT FOR CHURCH.

Committee Gives Work to Valley City Firms—Structure to Cost $38,000, According to Estimates.

Valley City.—The contract for the new Congregational church has been let by the building committee, local contractors getting the work. The structure will cost, according to the architects's estimates, $38,000.

The church was founded in 1881. Rev. Wirt was the first pastor, coming here from the east as a missionary, and taking up a claim near Cleveland. He was here about two years. In 1881 the present church building was erected, and it was one of the finest buildings in the state at that time.

Rev. Willard Crosby Lyon, the present pastor, came to Valley City six and a half years ago from the Presbyterian church at Casselton, being called here Nov. 1, 1908. Under his ministration the church has thriven wonderfully, and at the annual meeting in January last was absolutely free from debt, for the first time in its history.

The letting of the contract for the new building marks another epoch in the history of the church.

Alleged Grain Thieves Sentenced.

Langdon.—Englebert Eggl, who at his preliminary hearing held here in Langdon less than a month ago, pleaded guilty to having stolen a sleigh load of oats and wheat, upwards of a hundred bushels, from the granary on a farm near Clyde, belonging to Dr. E. L. Donovan of this city, was given a sentence by Judge Kneeshaw of one year and three months in the state penitentiary at Bismarck. Two of his brothers, Anton and Frederick, who at the time were arrested for complicity in the theft of the grain, were acquitted at the hearing, owing to the lack of evidence against them. The three brothers farm a half section of rented land west of Clyde in Towner county. It is stated as only being about a year ago since the Eggl brothers first came to this state.

Appoints Juvenile Commissioner.

Fargo.—Judge A. B. Guptil has accepted the appointment of juvenile commissioner for the third judicial district. This appointment was tendered him by Judge Pollock of the district court. Judge Guptil is one of the pioneers of the state, well known all over the district. He is in perfect sympathy with the juvenile movement, and having retired from active business, will have time to devote to the welfare of the youth of his district.

Pioneer Merchant Dies.

Wyndmere.—At Lidgerwood occurred the death of William F. Hilliard, due to heart failure. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church. Mr. Hilliard was the pioneer merchant in Old Wyndmere, having settled there in 1883, launching in the general merchandise business. M. L. Hilliard of St. Paul Park, Minn., later became a partner in the firm and then became sole owner at the time the town was moved to its present location.

Four Towns Want County Seat.

Lisbon.—There is no dearth of candidates for the Ransom county seat, and election for the removal of which will be held next year. Closely following on the announcement that Sheldon and Enderlin are in the field for the county seat comes the announcement that McLeod wants the prestige. With three cities in the field against Lisbon, the present county seat, residents here are satisfied there is little or no prospect that they will lose the county capital.

EQUITY MEN TO MEET AT FORKS.

American Society Forces Plan Series of Conventions to Be Held in State in May.

Grand Forks.—Grand Forks will be the scene of a big meeting of the American Society of Equity forces on May 12 and 13, the gathering being the last of a series of four which will be held in the state during the early part of that month.

Minot, Bismarck and Valley City are the other cities favored by the equity leaders for their meetings, and they have announced a remarkable array of talent for the several sessions.

United States Senators McCumber and Gronna of North Dakota; Congressmen Helgeson, Norton and Young; U. L. Burdick of Williston, Frank Hellstrom of Bismarck, are North Dakotans who are included in the list.

The terminal elevator is the question that will hold first attention at the hands of the equity folks.

Other dates fixed are: Bismarck, May 6 and 7; Valley City, May 7 and 8; Minot, May 10 and 11.

HEAD OF NORTH DAKOTA REFORM SCHOOL RESIGNS.

Mandan.—"Forty-five years in the business of training boys and girls is long enough for me," said Superintendent J. W. Brown of the North Dakota reform school, when he filed his resignation with the state board of control to take effect June 1.

"I have the satisfaction of knowing," he continued, "that in the years I have been in reformatory work I have been instrumental in starting thousands of boys under my care on the right road."

Mr. Brown is 68 years old, but doesn't look it. His long experience with children has molded a character far different from the average man. He is stern and when he gives orders they are obeyed, but the trials and exasperations caused by the children have not curdled the milk of human kindness in him.

The North Dakota reform school was established in 1902, when a main building costing $20,000 was erected by the state. From that beginning buildings have been erected which now represent a value of more than $100,000, all built for boys.

Indians Visit Governor Hanna.

Bismarck.—Drag Wolf, son of Crow Flies High, a medicine man of the Gros Ventres tribe of Indians, who resides at Shell Creek, on the Fort Berthold reservation, was in the city and called on Governor Hanna. Drag Wolf also went in to see his good friend, Curator H. C. Fish of the state historical society. Drag Wolf is a noted rainmaker. He has a piece of buffalo hide with which he makes it rain. He has brought on eight rains already, it is claimed. He is also a noted orator, inheriting his "gift of gab" from his noted father, Chief Crow Flies High. Crow Flies High was chief of the band known as the "husky Gros Ventres," the last of that tribe of Indians to settle down and accept the white man's law. Another visitor at the capitol was Poor Man's Walking, a Sioux Indian from the Standing Rock reservation. It so happened that Poor Man's Walking and Drags Wolf met in the offices of their mutual friend, Curator Fish, and the peace pipe was produced and the two old braves smoked their kinnikinic and talked over old times. The kinnikinic is a mixture of red willow bark with tobacco.

Charters for Two New Banks.

Bismarck. — Charters have been granted for two new banks by the North Dakota State Banking board. The First State bank of Fort Yates will start business in a short time. The incorporators and principal stockholders are Fred B. Lynch of St. Paul, Minn.; J. A. Stiles and J. M. Corrigan of Fort Yates and Robert H. Treacy of Bismarck. The second new bank is located at Odessa and is backed by capital from Mandan. The capital stock is $10,000 and L. A. Travis, Joseph Hess and T. E. Hayward, all of Mandan are the incorporators and principal stockholders. The McHenry County Investment Co., has been organized by Towner business men and will engage in the real estate and loan business. T. S. McDonald, T. J. Cummings and E. B. Thompson hold most of the $20,000 of capital of the new organization.

Automobile Falls Through Ice.

Bismarck.—Joe Spies, a traveling salesman, tried to ford the Missouri river on the ice recently with disastrous results. He took a young woman, a cousin of his, along with him on the trip. Everything looked lovely when the river was reached and the car spurted ahead onto the ice. The Spies car traveled just about three or four feet out from shore and then—the ice gave way. Both salesman and his companion were thrown from the car and while Mr. Spies was not hurt, his cousin was bruised about the face, some of her teeth were knocked out and her jaw was hurt.

Declare Measure Necessary.

Fargo.—Democratic leaders meeting here rejected overtures made to them asking joint action with the Knauf-Seiler-Buck Republicans in Jamestown to hold up by invoking the referendum for the state board of regents bill, the state immigration measure and other important legislation. The Democrats took the ground that these measures were necessary for the development of the state. National committeeman Bruegger and practically all the leaders of the state Democracy took part.

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There are times when a lie would look better in print than the facts.

SHOULD HAVE PLEASED HIM

Enemy of Nat Goodwin Surely Could Look Forward to the Ending of the Play.

Nat Goodwin in his book tells this story on himself:

The first night of my production of "Nathan Hale" Hoyt had assured me of his intention of being present with his wife. But when the time came she refused to accompany him. Charley, having purchased two tickets and not desiring to be alone, sought someone to go with him. He soon found a friend and invited him to come along. Much to Hoyt's astonishment his friend quietly but firmly refused the invitation.

"Why not?" asked Hoyt.

His friend replied, "I don't like Goodwin.

"Well," said Charley, "you like him as an artist, don't you?"

His friend replied: "No; I don't like him, on or off the stage."

"Well, said Hoyt, "come along. "You are sure to enjoy the play, for they hang Nat in the last act."

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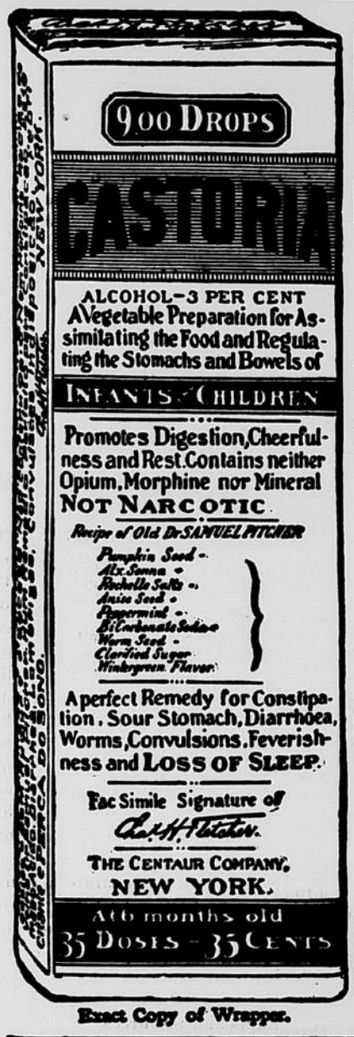

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