

WEIRD EASTER RITES OF THE PENITENTES.

With the approach of Holy week, the Penitentes forsake the role of stupid peons and once more take up their yearly scourging.

All the year around the Penitentes are indifferent Mexicans, living in their adobe huts, which they have made with their own hands.

Rarely at any other time during the year do the Penitentes become active. If they do it is on All Soul's day, two days after Halloween time.

On Friday afternoon the Penitente brotherhood hold the greatest of their spectacles. They have been playing themselves off and on all during Holy week; their backs are masses of congealed blood and outraged flesh.

One of the Penitentes is chosen to take the part of el Cristo and carries the cross, a heavy, crude symbol which he usually can hardly drag, sagging under the weight.

Usually, those scourging themselves take one step forward and then pause, bringing down the cutting fibers of the whip upon their already much bleeding backs with a dull thwack.

Often these rigors are not enough; the cholla cactus, one needle of which has known to drive horses to fury, is packed about their chests, or yet again, the Penitentes walk across these with their bare feet, or fling the branches of needles on their backs.

Amid loud lamentation, the pilgrimage of the Cross is enacted, the man staggering under the weight of the symbol. He precedes the group; his back is now bleeding, now clotted.

Formerly, nailing the victim to the cross was quite common; death came also as often to their ranks. The corpses were ferreted away and probably buried.

However, at present, the crucifixion is more guarded and merely takes the form of tying the victim to the cross with ropes. Even now, the spectacle of tying el Cristo is beginning to be eliminated, or else performed at night, on Thursday evening.

guards with guns are usually posted at the ceremonies in order to keep away the overcurious stranger.

Such hikes provide great thrills for the youths and also material for a story which they can recount to their less fortunate comrades.

Thus does the cult flourish in New Mexico, southern Colorado, southern Utah and eastern Arizona.

Undoubtedly, tourists have beheld the Penitente miniature crosses erected along some highways as they have ridden over the rough, dirt roads in the neighborhood of the colonies.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION OF DEER CONDITIONS.

Deer have been dying of starvation in such numbers that officials of the state game commission, the state department of agriculture, and the national bureau of the biological survey at Washington, D. C., have decided that a special investigation is necessary.

Division Supervisor W. Claire Kelly, of the game commission, has been discouraged over conditions which have developed in the deer herd recently. After the attempt made last season at reducing the number of animals he had hoped conditions would materially improve.

The officials hope, in the course of their study, to learn why conditions should be so unfavorable for the deer herd. Dead animals will be examined and probably shipped to Harrisburg for further study.

A conference on plans for further study of the Pennsylvania deer herd called for March 21st. State and national officials attended.

STATEWIDE DRIVE ON TAGLESS DOGS.

Approximately 150,000 dog owners in Pennsylvania delayed taking out new licenses for their dogs a year ago until after March 1.

As a warning to these owners of unlicensed dogs, the State Bureau of Animal Industry has issued the following notice: The law provides that all dogs six months old or over must be licensed on or before January 15 each year.

"License and tags for 1929 have been in the hands of all county treasurers since January 15. Owners therefore, have no valid excuse for keeping unlicensed dogs about the premises."

Real Estate Transfers.

Lloyd Stover, et ux, to Margaret Everhart, et bar, tract in Howard Twp.; \$1.

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WILLOW TREES ARE CHEAP PROTECTION.

Planting of willows as a natural protection against eroding banks and wave action on the shore lines of streams, rivers and other bodies of water frequently proves a wise move.

The natural location for willows of many varieties is along water courses and low places abounding with moisture and even submerged at certain seasons of the year.

The early settlers not only resorted to willow planting to stop erosion along water courses, but in the pioneer days of road building where cuts were necessary for hillside road location and boggy foundations were encountered, they immediately planted willows from the foot of the bank to the roadway.

An instance is cited of a hillside road bed protected for years from sliding by a number of large willow trees. The trees were ordered removed because they obstructed the view on this curve, and before long there was a serious washout.

Instead of using seedlings or cuttings of willow trees, large poles of varying lengths and diameters were cut from the living trees and laid along the embankments.

THEN AND NOW.

A quarter century ago farm-folks and townspeople alike welcomed a snowstorm as enthusiastically as they now curse it.

That was the time of the fast-stepper and the clipper-built cutter; of the two-horse sleigh and the great bob-sled that held twenty to thirty laughing, shouting boys and girls and sometimes some older folks as well.

And now, we of the cities, certainly, and all motor-owning farmers, perhaps as well, frown when the snow begins to fall and cuss the State Highway Department if the roads are not cleared and ready for uninterrupted motor traffic before the last flakes have fallen.

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GOOD FRIDAY BELIEFS IN PARTS OF ENGLAND.

How good Friday got its name is a matter that is often discussed. The word Friday is really the strangest part of the name of so solemn a date in the Christmas calendar.

Bread baked on Good Friday was supposed to have its protective value for it was believed that three loaves put in a heap of corn would prevent the latter from being devoured by rats and mice.

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Fifty-Fifty.

Pat Murphy was taking his first flight in an airplane. When up about 3,000 feet, the plane suddenly went into a nose-dive.

"Ha, ha!" laughed the pilot, shouting to Pat. "Fifty per cent. of the people down there thought we were falling."

"Begorra," admitted Pat, "and 50 per cent. of the people up here thought so, too."—Stratford Beacon Herald.

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KEYSTONE STATE LEADS IN MANY FARM CROPS.

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