

ting forth your triumphs, Easter bells, Till earth shall learn the story; Iweet is the news your music tells, He lives, the King of Giory! The Lamb, who was for sinners slain, Domes forth from death in might to reign.

He lives the race of man to bless, To banish care and sadness, All griofs to heal, all wrongs redress, To fill the earth with gladness. The Lamb, who was for sinners slain, Doth now for man's redemption reign!

A Child's Easter Story. 



tell you an Easter tale. There wa: once a woman who had an only daugh ter that was very small and pale and altogether som e what different from other children. When she took the little one out for a

walk the people stood and looked at the child and whispered among them-selves. When the little girl asked her mother why the people looked at her so strangely the mother always re-plied, "It is because you have on such a beautiful new dress." Thereupon the little one was contented. As soon, however, as they returned home the mother would elasp her little daughter in her arms, kiss her again and again and say: "You sweet little angel, what would become of you if I were to die? No one, not even your father, knows what a dear little angel you are!"

Some time afterward the mother be came suddenly sick and she died on the ninth day. Thereupon the father of the little girl threw himself in de-spair on the deathbed and asked to be buried with his wife. His friends, however, spoke to him and comforted him, and so he left his wife's body, and a year later he took unto himself another wife, who was lovelier, younger and richer than his first wife, but

by no means as good. And from the day that her mother died the little girl spent her whole time from morning till evening seated at the window sill in the sitting room, since there was no one who would take her out for a walk. She had be-come even paler than before and she had not grown at all during the latter years.

When her new mother came to th house she said to herself: "Now I will go out walking again in the city and on the beautiful promenades where on the beautiful promenades where the sun shines so brightly, where there are so many lovely shrubs and flowers and where there is such a prowd of handsomely dressed people." For she lived in a narrow little alley, in which the sun seldom shone, and when she sat on the window sill she nor only a little bit of the blue shr. aw only a little bit of the blue sky-a bit not larger than a pocket hand-kerchief. Her new mother went out nearly every day in the forenoon and afternoon, and each time she wore a very beautiful dress, much more beautiful than any dress the first mother had ever owned. But she

Behold, from winter's thrail set free, The lilies fair are springing: Their radiant bloom, in holy giee The waking earth is bringing, A tribute to the Lamb once slain, Now raised in endless might to reign,

Come forth ye souls, in glad new life, This blessed Easter morning; With bloom of love and beauty rife, His grace be your adorning; The Lamb, who once tor you was slain, Doth bid you rise with him and reign.

THE LITTLE HUMPBACKED GIRL. 8 Is have by such an ug-ber dear mother had told her came back to her memory, and in childish fashion she sometimes prayed that



VISIT OF THE ANGEL MOTHER.

some good fairy would come and take away the burden that threatened to blight her whole life. window she saw the little ones play- dren, for it gives them a good oppor





ight up into the blue sky. On the

THE TRANSFORMATION.

stretched arms, and the child flev into her lap.-New straight Yorl Herald.

EASTER MONDAY EGG-ROLLING.

Thousands of Children Spend a Joyou Day in the White House Grounds.

Clifford Howard, in writing of the annual Easter Monday egg-rolling in the White House grounds at Washingthe White House grounds at the spot ton, gives a fine glimpse of the spot in the Ladies' Home Journal. "The chief points of attraction," he says, "are the mounds of hillocks that rise in gentle slope from the lawn in vari-ous parts of the grounds. Their sides are richly carpeted with soft, thick grass, and here it is that little children roll their eggs. They clamber up the hillside with their baskets, the little tots crawling up on hands and knees, and then turn and roll their eggs one by one down the green slope. But the children do not confine them-selves to rolling eggs. Many of them take more pleasure in sitting about in Oh, if she were only like other groups and picking eggs with one an-children! Was there one of them who loved the sunshine and the flow-eggs together on their points. The ers better than she, and yet among them all was there one who saw so little of the sunshine and the flowers as she did? From her seat by the

## HOSE of us who know Easter only in our cold and prosaic North can ave little concep tion of the signifi-cance and solemn-

in countries where a hotter sun has infused intenser warmth into the blood. Thomas H. Graham gives an interesting description of Easter as observed in Santiago and other Cuban citie

Keeping Easter in Cuba.

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"During the entire week," he says, "all social gaiety is suspended; even business assumen a quieter aspect, but the distinctive celebrations do not begin until Holy Thursday. On that day high mass is broken off in the day high mass is broken off in the middle, and a procession of priests carries an image of the Christ-the 'Ecce Homo'--- to the cathedral. In towns where there is no cathedral some church is selected, and there the image, life size and robed in white, is carried in solemn state, the entire populace joining the procession. This ceremony commemorates the journey to Pilate's judgment hall. The image is left in the church and the people disperse fit silence. Then the devout begin the ceremony of the pilgrimage. That is, they visit fourteen churches, indicative of the fourteen stations of the cross, saying prayers at every station.

station. "Good Friday is something to be remembered. The sun rises on a city plunged in absolute stillness-still-ness of the grave. The very air is funeral. In the afternoon the pro-cession of the Holy Virgin takes place. This is really the most striking of all This is really the most striking of all the ceremonials. The sacred image, robed in black, is carried by priests and is followed by the eighteen canons of the church in singular costume, all black. On their heads they wear canonical black caps fully two and a half feet in height, and their robes have trains sixteen or eighteen feet long. Every canon is followed by an acolyte, who carries his train. Then comes the populace, men and women, still in black, all carrying lighted candles. The scene is curiously medieval and impressive.

"Through the entire day no bells have been rung. Then comes the 'Saturday of glory,' with its wonder-ful and dramatic change. At 10 c'clock in the morning all the church bells ing out joyfully, and the 'vigil' is ended. Everywhere rejoicing takes the place of mourning. Easter Sun-day is a day of music and gladness."

## Origin of Easter Rabbits.

One of the quaint and interesting features of our modern Easter carniva is the appearance in shop windows, side by side with the emblematic colored egg, of a pert tall-eared rabbit, and those who cannot understand why bunny should have a place in our Easter decorations shrug their shoul-ders and think it a trick to please the children. But the legend of the Easter rabbit is one of the oldest in mythology, and is mentioned in the early folklore of South Germany. Originally, it appears, the rabbit was a bird, which the ancient Teutonio goddess Ostara—goddess of the east or of spring—transformed into a quadruped. For this reason the rabbit or hare is grateful, and in remem-brance of its former condition as a bird and as a swift messenger of spring, and of the goddess whom it served, is able to lay colored Easter eggs on her festival in the spring time, the colors illustrating the theory that when it was a bird the rabbit laid colored eggs, and an egg has always been a symbol of the resurrection, and, therefore, used as an illustration at Easter.

# **REYSTONE STATE NEWS GONDENSED**

## PENSIONS GRANTED.

Lohigh Laboratory Burns-One of the Best Equipped in the Land-May Build a Church for a Bell.

Pennions granted last week were as follows--Lawrence Fisher, Leechburg, St2; Richard Holland, McKeesport, 58; William Fossellman, Donnally Mins, \$8; Jane Potts, Philipsburg, \$8; Henry Smith, Johnstown, \$6 to \$8; Henry M. Roley, Fayette City, \$8 to \$10; Mary E. Wright, Tidionte, \$8; Benjamin F. Mar-tin, Doyles Mills, \$10; Charles W, Taft, Geneva, \$12; John B. Morse, New Castle, \$12; Norman C. McKean, West Franklin, \$12; David D. Cogley, Green-dale, \$8; Benjamin F. Crain, Tidionte, \$10; Christian H. Linkenbeit, Bennett, \$8; George W. Reynolds, New Castle, \$17; William W. Campbell, Indiana, \$30. ity of passion week

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\$30. The Blossberg Oil Company's well at Gaines, Tioga county, struck the sand Thursday afternoon and is spouting oil at the rate of 20 barrels an hour. The sand is a white peblily formation and points to the existence of a new pool. A large force of men are at work re-moving the machinery and tools that belong to the American Tin Plate works at Blairseille. They are being shipped to McKeesport and other works that are controlled by the trust. In a short inter the whole place will be cleared and everything taken away. The teachers in the public schools of

The teachers in the public schools of ittston township, Luzerne county, yent on strike and the schools were

went on strike and the schools were losed. Six months' salary is due some of them. The school district has been in financial straits for some time. The members of the school board say that they cannot collect sufficient taxes to keep the schools going. Some of the teachers, however, claim that the board has been extravagant, and instead of pay-ne salaries, has seen the money in ng salaries, has spent the money in mying fine furniture, globes and litarics.

braries. A new coal field is being opened up in Somerset county. Several thousand acres of coal lands have already chang-ed hands near Milford, and agents rep-resenting Easton capitalists are secur-ing all the coal lands in this neighbor-hood. A number of test holes have bas n drilled with satisfactory results, the drill passing through three seams of good coal, one seam of gas coal three feet thick and two seams of bitumin-ous coking coal, one seam nine feet thick and the other five feet thick. Oil City has two school boards. The

Oil City has two school boards. The 1874, which Judge Criswell recently de-cided unconstitutional. At the late elec-tion the city went under the law of 1854, and elected only six directors instead of 18, the number formerly elect-ed. The members of the old board claim the law has never been tested, and they propose to hold office until the supreme court has passed on the ques-

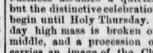
tion. Recently the Baptist congregation at Cannelton purchased a 1,200-pound bell. When it was hung in the beliry it was discovered that if they attempted to ring it there would be great danger of bell and beliry falling into the cellar, owing to the weak condition of the structure; so the members are now hustling about to raise money for a new beliry, and

so the members are now hustling about to raise momey for a new beliry, and the probabilities are that it will end in a new church edifice being built. Dr. S. S. Kring, one of the leading physicians of Beaver Falls, is making arrangements to go to Cape Nome, Alaska, in search of gold with a party of Pittsburgers. The members expect to leave for Seattle in two weeks. The organized of the party is Capt. Johnson, and among the members are Dr. Ir-win, of Pittsburg: Dr. Fletcher, of Greensburg, and Robert McIntosh, of Beaver Falls, an old Klondiker.

Seven Blairsville men who plead guil-Seven Blarsville men who plead guilty ty several weeks ago to selling liquor without a license were summarily dealt, with by Judge Harry White, A. Mc-Kinnie Baker, Milton G. Kerr, G. M. Alters, H. J. Zimmerman and T. C. Duncan, druggists, and John Nich and Look Domainen comprisers of speeks Jacob Dennison, proprietors of speak-easies, were each sentenced to pay fines of \$200 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for 20 days. The physical laboratory of Lehigh University, one of the largest and best equipped in the country, was burned to the ground Friday morning and all its scientific apparatus destroyed. The building was a four-story stone struc-ture erected in 1893 at a cost of \$150,000. The apparatus was valued at \$50,000 and included all modern improvements. There is only \$50,000 insurance.

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REVIEW OF TRAD	E.	
Business Volume Larger—Large Exports—Activity in Stocks—I uation More Hopeful.	Increa	

R. G. Dun Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Quarterly reviews show that, outside the immediate efshow that, outside the immediate effects of stock speculation and industrial consolidations, the volume of business has been larger this year than a year ago. Many of the usual spring demands for higher wages have been granted, or in part granted by compromise, so that no more than the usual hindrance from that source now seems probable. But some of the disputes threaten to last for some months. A little increase in foreign exports of wheat from Atlantic ports, flour included, 2,268,622 bushels, against 2,074,769 last year, served as oc-casion for a little rise, but the gain was lost later, and the week closes unchang-ed. Business in woolens is also some-what unsatisfactory, with cancellations comparatively numerous, and orders comparatively numerous, and orders smaller than were expected. The steel sheet consolidation, with President Mc-Murtry, of the Apollo works, at the Murtry, of the Apollo works, at the head, promises great importance. If this, the tin plate, hoop and national steel works make alliance with the Car-negie Company, as is reported, the whole industry will sooner or later be affected. For the present, no change appears in prices of pig, and only slight-ly more yielding in plates and bars to secure more business. But many new secure more business. But many new contracts are reported including one purchase of rails for export, and the situation is generally more hopeful. Changes in minor metals are not important, though copper grows steadily stronger, with exports of 17,010 tons stronger, with exports of 17,010 tons from only 3 ports this month. Fail-ures for the week are 150 in the Unit-ed States and 20 in Canada." Bradstreet's "Financial Review" says: Reactionary features were more promi-nent in this week's market, although bullish sentiment still seems to prevail in sneedlative quarters and nothing of in speculative quarters and nothing of In speculative quarters and nothing of a general character occurred to depress values. It is noted that bonds are in good demand and that the buying has been largely displayed in securities of good quality, which, until now, had been quoted at comparatively low values.



pover took the little girl with her.

Finally the child took heart, and one day she earnestly begged her new mother to take her out with her. The mother, however, refused bluntly, saying: "You are not smart enough. What would the people think if they were to see me with you? You are little humpback. Humpbacked chil-dren never go walking, but always stay at home."

Therenpou the little girl became very quiet, and as soon as her new mother had left the house she got on a chair and looked in a mirror and saw that indeed she was humpbacked, badly humpbacked. Then she sat again on the window sill and looked out into the street and thought of her good old mother, who, in spite of her humpback, had taken her out walking every day. The she thought again of her

"What is inside of it. I wonder!" she said to herself. "There must be something inside of such a hump as this is."

Many a strange fancy entered her



WAS HUMPBACKED.

little head and many an hour wiled away in wondering why tack, instead of being straight the backs of other children, was nho

frequent peals of merry laughter came | and there is nothing they like better to her ear, her question, "Why am I not like other children?" became ever more urgent.

So the summer passed, and when winter came the little girl was still sill, but was obliged to remain lying in bod, and, just when the snowdrops were beginning to peep above ground. beautiful it was in heaven.

The following morning the child was dead. "Don't weep, father" said her new mother; "it is best for the poor child."

The little girl was buried, but on The little girl was buried, but on Easter morn an angel with large white an egg with him." wings like a swan flew down from heaven, seated himself beside the grave and knocked thereon, as though it were a door. And soon the little girl came forth from the grave and the angel told her that he had come to take her to her mother in heaven. Then the little girl asked in a tremb-ling voice whether even humpbacked children could enter heaven. She could not conceive such a thing possi-ble.

"Yot the angel answered, "You dear, good child, you are no longer hump-backed," and with those words he passed his white hand over her back and the ugly old hump fell off like a great hollow shell, and this left her a and what was in it? Two beautiful

white angel wings! The child spread them out, as though she had always known how to fly, and she flew with the angel through the damling sun-cheaper than ever before.

ing in the narrow street, and as their tunity and a good excuse to eat eggs,

Preparatory to an encounter each little fellow tests the hardness of his egg by knocking it against his teeth. If it can stand this test it is considered a good one for picking, and the pale and she had become so weak that she could no longer sit on her window confident of success. The boy who owns a goose egg or a turkey egg is a prince among his fellows. Occasionally such a boy appears. In all probthe good old mother came to her one ability his shoes are torn, his clothes night and told her how glorious and are patched and his woolly head is adorned with an antiquated moth-eaten fur cap. But he could be not prouder nor command greater respect

if he were adorned with regal robes. He is immediately surrounded and And the girl's father answered no word, but simply nodded his head. of admirers, who adopt him as their

#### Hot Cross Buns.

Hot cross buns, so generally eaten on Good Friday, have many supersti-tions connected with them. They are kept by the English peasantry from one year to the next, being partaken of whenever sickness afflicts the fam-ily or the herds and being considered a sovereign remedy. Another legend says that if friends or lovers stand in-side the church doors before matins on Good Friday and break a hot cross

bun, and each take a half as long as they keep the pledge no enemy can come between them and their love will increase.

Lot Husbands Rejoice.

#### To Color Easter Eggs.

Fill a large kettle with cold water, drop in the eggs and place them up-on the stove. When the water has boiled for ten minutes remove them. By using cold water they heat gradual-Several y and are not apt to erack. lays before this process put a little of these dyes into small bottles and fill them up with water: Eosin pink, yellow, green, blue, scarlet, violet and orange. A spoonful of yellow dye is first placed in a small dish; roll a warm egg over and over in it and when it is evenly dyed place it upon a paper to dry. When all the yellow eggs that are wanted are secured, use another dye in the same manner. Pretty baskets for the eggs are made by covering pasteboard shapes with white cotton batting and tying with narrow ribbon bows. The lightnarrow ribbon bows. The light-colored eggs may be finished with inscriptions in darker colors or ornamented with bronze or gold powder.

The baskets may be sprinkled with metallic flitter, which adds to their

effectiveness.

A third interest in the McIntosh oil farm in Fairview township. Butler couny, was sold Tuesday by one of the heira of the estate for \$600, or at the rate of \$1,800 for the entire tract of 128 acres. In 1883 the farm was the property of the Union Oil Company, who sold it to McIntosh for \$1,000 with the oil rights, reserving an eighth royalty for 10 years, Karns City and Millerstown.

Karns City and Millerstown. In accordance with the expressed wish of the late J. Shan Margerum, a leading merchant of Washington, Mrs. Margerum has had made a life size marble figure of his favorice setter, to be placed at the foot of his grave. Lawrence Field, a farimer near New Castle, hanged himself in \* his barn Thursday. No cause is known. William Wyeth, a boy prisoner at the Washington county iail, made his escape

Washington county jail, made his escape some time Monday alternoon, the sher-iff not knowing of the fact until about 6 o'clock in the evening. He is the building. Wyeth was alone in the how building. Wyeth was alone in the hoya department, where he had been engaged in cleaning the floor.

George Flymick, a miner, had his neck broken while wrestling with an-other miner at Greensburg.

The large furniture factory of the Hyndman Lumber and Manufacturing Company, at Hyndman, Bedford coun-ty, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The fire was discovered in the glue and paint room. The place was filled with fine lumber and furniture and the loss will be some heavy are been by at last will be very heavy, reaching at least \$50,000.

Lillie Smith, aged 16 years, of near Beatty, Westmoreland county, disap-peared from home Saturday, leaving a note in her room, addressed to her mother, saying she would never see her alive again. No cause is assigned for her strange act.

### Celebrated His Century.

Lorin Pearse, of Amherst, Mass., the last of a family of ten sons and daugh-ters of a revolutionary soldier, celebrat-ed his rooth birthday Monday. He is ed his tooth birthday Monday. He is able to read ordinary type without glasses, his hearing is only slightly im-paired and he cats three meals a day. He has never used intoxicants or to-bacco and attributes his great age to his temperate habits and outdoor life. His father lived to be 90 years of age and his brothers and sisters all lived from 70 to 90 years.

#### May ba Married Yet.

May be Married Yet. Six years ago Isaac Smith, a country school teacher, near Kokomo, Ind., was suddenly bereft of reason just on the eve of his marriage to Miss Effice Gos-sett. Brooding over the affair finally dethroned Miss Gossett's reason and she was likewise sent to the Indianapolis asylum, where the determined lovers, unknown to each other, occupied near-by wards for five years. Last week Smith being fully recovered retarned home. Miss Gossett is rapidly improv-ing and a bermanent cure is expected speedily. The delayed marrisge will then be solemnized.



A lucky one, the car of pink: The owner me're sees daugar's brink. The one who gets an egg of brown. The one who ensubled en obtain will go through life by country is the man bedes save and strille

The ane who gets an edg of white In life shall find sugreme delight. 

Who gots an age of purple shate " Will die a bachelor or old main. A aliver and will bring much joy And apppingse without alloy.