

Hymn of the Day



Come see the place where Jesus lay, And hear angelic watchers say...

O joyful sound! O glorious hour, When by His own almighty power He rose, and left the grave!

The First-begotten of the dead, For us He rose, our glorious Head, Immortal life to bring;

No more they tremble at the grave, For Jesus will their spirits save, And raise their slumbering dust;

Songs of Poets In Joyous Mood

Immortal Minds Have Recognized the Significance of the Day.

The solemn festival in honor of the resurrection has given inspiration to many poets to whom the joyfulness of the occasion, the coming of the light after darkness, of flowers springing from dead earth...

That greatest of latter-day poets, Robert Browning, in "Easter Day" writes of the amazement that will come to doubters:

From repose We shall start up, at last awake, From life, that insane dream we take, For waking now, because it seems.

Where is the Christian to whom sympathy those lines will not appeal in conjunction with others following them:

With darkness, hunger, toil, distress, Be all the world a wilderness! Only let me go on, go on, Still hoping ever and anon To reach one end, the Better Land.

Christina Rossetti, who has justly been called the poetess of death, never seemed to hymn her joys without enhancing their value by a recollection of past sorrow, yet her poem, "Resurrection Eve," is begun by the sentiment—

He resteth, weep not, And she would have us note how the Gray hours of morning, ere the day's dawning,

Brightened by gleams Of the sunbeams— By the foreseeing Of resurrection, Of glorious being, Of full perfection, Of sins forgiven, Before the face Of men and spirits, Of God in heaven, The resting place That he inherits.

James Russell Lowell concludes with the following verse, a poem which is entitled "Godminster Chimes," and wrote in aid of a chime of bells for Christ Church, Cambridge:

Oh, chime of sweet Saint Charity, Peal soon that Easter morn When Christ for all shall risen be, And in all hearts new-born!

Sir Lewis Morris adds a modern

voice to the strain of Easter melody by the musical lines:

That is the joy of life, Joy bought by sacrifice, Pleasure for hopeless sighs, And rest for strife.

If Wordsworth, that poet so dearly beloved by countless hearts, has failed to record in any special poem his feelings about the festival of Easter, there are lines in the "Excursion" concluding the fifth book of that work which can scarcely be excelled as thoughts with which to encourage meditation upon the mystery of the Resurrection:

Life, I repeat, is energy of love Divine or human; exercised in pain, In strife and tribulation, and ordained, Is so approved and sanctified to pass Through shades and silent rest to endless Joy.

FOR EASTER GIFTS. Chocolate eggs are as much in demand this Easter as ever. These are made in all conceivable shapes, perfectly plain or much ornamented with white frosting.

SOME WORKS OF ART. A most charming idea for a person who desires to give an Easter gift is to buy a papier mache, or preferably, a satin box in the shape of an egg.

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THESE NEW GAMES.

The fashionable physician had told his patient what he thought was necessary to restore her to complete health after the wear and tear of a hard social season.

She looked thoughtful and took in all his advice. After he had told her what to eat and what to avoid she spoke for the first time.

"Squash?" he repeated, with a tone of surprise in his voice. "Of course, you may eat it if you want to. I didn't suppose you cared for it."

The physician flushed slightly, remarked that he had so little time for sport that he could not keep up with all the new games, and told her to play it all she wanted to.—New York Sun.

COSTLY DISCIPLINE.

The Juvenile Scamp Who Was Under Pedagogic Reprehension. A popular Cleveland doctor tells this story of a bright boy, his own, who had reached the mature age of 9, after an early career marked by many wild and mischievous pranks.

"I certainly will have to ask your father to come and see me," "Don't you do it," said the boy.

Why One Book Agent Guts. Several senators were discussing in the cloakroom their experiences in getting rid of objectionable visitors.

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ILLINOIS ITEMS

Fire caused by sparks from a passing train destroyed C. T. Wade's grain elevator at Farmington, containing one car load of oats. The loss is \$3,000; insurance, \$1,200.

Application has been made for incorporation papers for the Chamberlain-Laird Drug company of Alton and the incorporators are H. W. Chamberlain, F. L. Taylor and John P. Laird.

The Chicago and Alton will abandon the coal chutes at Godfrey and after April 1 all engines will coal at Venice instead of Godfrey.

A company composed of St. James and St. Elmo capitalists has been organized, known as the St. James Coal and Oil Prospecting company.

The funeral of Henry Kinnaman, one of the best known residents of Clay county, was held at the First Christian church, Rev. A. B. Cunningham conducting the services.

A wreck occurred on the Big Four just south of Harrisburg. As a north-bound freight was nearing the city a truck broke and two cars containing tanks of cotton seed oil, one car of cotton seed meal and a car of lumber were derailed and completely wrecked.

James T. Weakly, aged 48, a prominent and widely known stockman of Pickaway is dead.

Harry Scott, aged 60 years, died at the state soldiers' home at Quincy.

Thomas Hilliard, a merchant of Jeffersonville, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court.

It is announced that only one more week of fair weather will be required to complete the construction work on the Decatur-Springfield extension of the Indiana, Decatur and Western railroad.

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The city council of Taylorville adopted a resolution fixing the wages of city laborers at \$1.75 per day, eight hours; teamsters, \$3.50.

Fire destroyed the extensive barns at the Luy dairy on Alby street in North Alton, causing a loss of about \$8,000. The fire started about 2 o'clock and is said to have been caused by workmen who were trying to thaw out a frozen water pipe preparatory to watering the stock.

Company B, 8th infantry, of Taylorville, attended the funeral services of Chesley Harrold at Edinburg. Harrold was a private in the regular army.

M. E. Schroeder has sold his farm of 320 acres in Piatt county at \$105 per acre. The man who bought the farm sold it two days later at an advance of \$10 per acre.

Mrs. A. H. Clark, for some years matron and preceptress at the college at Ewing, has resigned on account of ill health. As soon as she is able she will go to Chicago, where she will reside with her sons.

The Green Real Estate company of Nashville has sold the Fred Gerding place, near New Minden to Henry Gerding for \$1,900, and the Dietrich farm, near that city, to George Moeller for \$5,424.

At Springfield H. Hooks has sued the Barclay Coal and Mining company for damages in the sum of \$10,000 for personal injuries. He claims that while he was in the employ of the company some props in the mine gave way and buried him beneath a mass of slate, inflicting permanent injuries.

The Federal Lead company has over 200 men at work on the various buildings which have been started on the site for the new lead smelter at Alton. Two large tanks holding 75,000 gallons of water each will be erected at once and the water will be pumped from artesian wells.

Judge J. E. Dunningan, former judge of the Alton city court, is dangerously ill at his home in Alton.

By his recent closing up of his options on various Benton farms Dowie has secured title to 700 acres more of Zion City land. He paid out \$150,000 cash in securing title.

Charles W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., of "Postum-Cereal" and "Grape-Nut" fame, has donated \$10,000 for the rebuilding of the old ladies' home in Springfield, which was recently destroyed by fire.

A fire in the laundry in the frame annex of St. Mary's infirmary at Cairo did damage of about \$700.

Orders were issued to the members of the Alton division of naval militia to turn in all their uniforms and other state property, except arms and in a short time the division members will be supplied with new uniforms.

Alphonso White, an employe of the Pana Coal Company, suffered a fracture of the left leg, and was also injured about the body by a fall of coal. His condition is serious.

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The annual report of M. Chamberlain, supervisor of Lebanon, Kentucky, shows a balance on hand of \$77,551.

Ferry Morris, a well known resident of Lebanon, died from the effects of a paralytic stroke. He was aged 53 years.

Fire destroyed the grocery store of L. C. Derby's cabinet shop, and Philip Lancrey's shoe shop at Jonesville. The fire started in the oil room of the grocery store.

Mr. E. J. Stangus, manager of the Busch opera house at Belleville for several years past, sustained a stroke of paralysis. His entire left side was paralyzed.

Judge M. W. Schaefer in the circuit court at Belleville refused a new trial to John Stevens, who was recently found guilty by a jury of burglarizing the bank at the National stock yards in East St. Louis.

Alderman Martin Schuppeler of Belleville has been appointed to a position in the grain inspector's office at East St. Louis by Gov. Yates.

John Cosad, a well-to-do farmer residing northeast of Salem, died, aged 70 years. He was one of the early settlers of Marion county.

A jury has awarded Constable Fred C. Kasse, of Swanes, \$1,500 damages in his suit against Theodore and Martin Schaeck for assaulting him while he was acting as a deputy sheriff in a strike at the Shickles, Harrison & Howard iron company's plant at East St. Louis last summer.

The Henry Bachrach Clothing company of Decatur has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000.

The E. K. Pratt Cereal Mill company will expend \$100,000 in the erecting of a corn oil mill near their plant at Decatur. It will be the largest and most complete mill of its kind in the country.

All of the abstract companies of Decatur have consolidated. The new name will be the Macon County Title and Trust company.

Andrew J. Ruger, aged 72, for forty years a resident of Standard township, is dead.

The Clay county Democratic central committee has elected Judge G. A. Hoff chairman and Reuben A. Ewen secretary. A call for the county convention has been issued for May 1.

Henry Whipple, a miner employed in the west mine in Bruce, was seriously injured by falling slate.

The funeral of William Fenderson, one of the pioneer colored residents of Clinton county, took place near Frog-town. Deceased was born seventy years ago northwest of Carlyle and had since been a resident of that settlement.

Sherman Albert, president of the village board of Huey, and Miss Mary Voltman of Hoffman were united in marriage in Huey.

A man, who was known as Mike Falco, was killed at Dubois while attempting to board a moving train. Coroner Melvoin held an inquest, the jury returning a verdict of accidental death.

Mrs. Rudolph Jasper died at Stone Church at the advanced age of 84 years. She is survived by five children, twenty-eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Processional. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness. God hath brought His Israel Into joy from Sadness; Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.